

## TENTATIVE PLANS FOR PERMANENT ROADS

Following the adoption at the November election of the constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to issue bonds to a total amount of \$60,000,000 for the construction of hard surfaced roads in the State, attention of road experts and members of good roads organizations has been directed to the working out of a road system which would meet the requirements of the constitutional amendment, which would meet the approval of a majority of the members of the Legislature, which would provide a practical system of highways connecting with State highways of adjoining state and which would meet the requirements of the Federal Government in the rules governing the allotment of Federal aid in the construction of State highways.

John M. Malang, superintendent of the State Highway Department, after conferences with officers of the Federal Roads Council in St. Louis and road organizations in Kansas City and other parts of the State, has completed a map of a tentative system of highways which, he says, will meet all these requirements, and which will be fair not alone to the larger cities, from which will come the greater part of the money to pay for the roads, but which also will be fair to the outlying and poorer counties.

The general idea of the plan is for five main highways to be built of concrete, two east and west thru the more thickly settled portions of the State: two north and south, one following generally the bank of the Mississippi River and the other generally the western border of the State, with a fifth road extending from St. Louis southwesterly to the Kansas line, generally following the route of the Frisco railroad.

The main highway proposed in the Malang plan are particularly described as follows:

From St. Louis to Kansas City—Road runs through St. Louis County, taking advantage of the road construction provided for there, to St. Charles, and in a general westerly direction through Wentzville, Warrenton, Danville, Fulton, Jefferson City, California, Sedalia, Warrensburg, Lee Summit and into Kansas City over the excellent roads of Jackson County. In addition to providing a reasonable direct route between the two large cities, this road gives direct connections between those cities and the State Capital.

From Hannibal to Kansas City and St. Joseph—This road is particularly serviceable to the agricultural districts in the northern part of the State.

From St. Louis Southwest—In a general way this road follows the route of the Frisco railroad. It goes through St. Louis County to Union, and then southwesterly through St. Clair, Rolla, Waynesville, Lebanon, Marshallfield, Springfield, Republic, Mt. Vernon, Carthage and Joplin and ends at the Kansas line, where it connects with a Kansas State road.

North and South at the Eastern Edge of the State—This road extends north and south from St. Louis. Northerly it uses the St. Louis-Kansas City road to Wentzville, where it branches north to Troy, Louisiana, Hannibal, Canton and Wayland, where it turns east to the Mississippi River. Opposite Quincy, which is the terminus of an Illinois State road. Southerly it runs from St. Louis to Festus, Ste. Genevieve, Perryville, Jackson, Cape Girardeau, Morley, Sikeston, New Madrid, Hayti, and ending at the Arkansas line.

North and South at Western Edge of State—this road extends from Kansas City in two directions. Northerly it runs to St. Joseph, Albany and Bethany to the Iowa State line, where it connects with a State road in Iowa.

Southerly it passes through Harrisonville, Butler, Nevada, Lamar, Carthage, Joplin and Neosha, ending at the Arkansas line. It connects with other main highways at Kansas City, St. Joseph and Carthage, using the route of the main southwesterly road between Carthage and Joplin.

## GERMAN SON OF AMERICAN WOMEN CONTESTS WILL

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 18.—A legal battle for the possession of several million dollars will be staged in the orphans court of Lebanon County, January 14, when Judge Henry will hear the contest to break the will of the late Rosaline Parent Coleman, of Paris, France.

The contestant is her son, Dr. Guide Henckle, of Freiburg, Germany, and efforts are being made to obtain passports for him to come here for the trial.

Dr. Henckle, who was a surgeon in the German army during the world war, was a son of Mrs. Coleman by her marriage with the late Prince Donnersmark, of Germany. In her will made in 1907 she made him her universal legatee, but disinherited him in a codicil in 1915 when Germany declared war on France, declaring him 'dead to her on account of the war.'

The fight here will involve the Rosalie Parent Coleman interest in the Cornwall Iron ore mines at Cornwall, Pa., now controlled by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

## ARGENTINA'S WHEAT CROP TO BE HEAVY

Buenos Aires, December 18.—Argentina's wheat crop for 1920, now ready for the harvest, gives prospects of a heavy and profitable yield. Official figures place the area seeded this year at 6,076,100 hectares (of 2½ acres), or about 23,000 hectares more than in the previous year. La Razon estimates that the crop for 1920-21 will reach 5,500,000 tons and La Epoca figures 5,000,00. The oats and linseed crops share the good prospects of the wheat.

## The Best Hot Chocolate in town at Dudley's Place.

Tom Russell left Sunday for his home in Ellington, where he will visit during the holidays.

Miss Helen Marshall of Charleston visited here Monday the guest of her sister, Mrs. Moore Greer.

Mrs. A. E. Conn and Mrs. Alton Walker went Monday morning to Cairo for a two-day visit.

Sam Reese returned Monday to Houston, Texas after a brief visit here with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Reese.

Mrs. Mollie Marshall, who has been visiting Southeast Missouri relatives for the past four months left Monday for her home in Paducah, Ky.

Tom Roberts of the Farmers Dry Goods force, is reported seriously ill with diphtheria at the home of J. A. Barber, 327 North Kingshighway.

There will be a box supper given at the Hunter School House on Wednesday evening to which the public is invited. Miss Era Dunlap is the teacher.

Miss Esther Brumfield of Matthews, Mo., and Jack Matthews of Sikeston, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Matthews, were married at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, December 15, in Benton, the ceremony being performed by Rev. M. O. Morris. Mrs. Matthews, who is the daughter of Mrs. J. A. Weatherford of Matthews returned to her home immediately after the ceremony and the marriage was not announced until Friday. The young couple are now at the Matthews home, where they will remain until they can secure a house to begin housekeeping. The Standard extends congratulations and good wishes.

## The Season's Spirit--

### AT CHRISTMAS TIME

At Christmas time we deck the hall  
With holly branches brave and tall,  
With sturdy pine and hemlock bright,  
And in the Yule-log's dancing light  
We tell old tales of field and fight  
At Christmas time.

At Christmas time we pile the board  
With flesh and fruit and vintage stored,  
And 'mid the laughter and the glow  
We tread a measure soft and slow,  
And kiss beneath the mistletoe  
At Christmas time.

O God and father of us all,  
List to Thy lowliest creature's call:  
Give us Thy joy to high and low,  
Comforting the sorrowing in their woe;  
Make wars to cease and love to grow  
At Christmas time.

Let not one heart be sad today:  
May every child be glad and gay:  
Bless Thou Thy children great and small,  
In lowly hut or castle hall,  
And may each soul keep festival  
At Christmas time.  
—Frederick William Robertson.

## DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST SIKESTON, MO.

## POLISH SOLDIERS USE CAMELS FOR HAULING

Warsaw, December 18.—Camels hauling long trains of small carts are frequently seen in the streets of Warsaw, one soldier acting as driver, with other soldiers looking after the vehicles. The camels are used by the army authorities in the transport of goods about the city and suburbs, having been trained for this kind of service by Russians. The animals were captured from the Bolsheviks by the Poles in a drive on the northern front last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson, Lillian Gail Applegate, Mrs. Emma Kendall and Mrs. Ella Old motored to Commerce Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Ruth Crowe, a member of the Landis Sextette Lyceum Entertainers, arrived Monday morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Crowe.

"Bug" Skiles, a Frisco hostler of Chfee, was arrested in that City Friday by the City Marshall and Sheriff Sneed, on a charge of making liquor. The officers located a still of about 20 gallon capacity in the back end of an old junk building. The officers confiscated almost 100 gallons of "raisin jack". When the mash was poured out a bunch of hogs ran up and proceeded to celebrate. Their antics later proved the "mule" had kick. Skiles was turned over to U. S. Marshal Baker of St. Louis, and was taken to Poplar Bluff, where he will be arraigned before a United States Commissioner for bond and preliminary hearing. The officers have no evidence that Skiles had been selling any of the liquor.

## President Wilson's Message.

President Wilson's message to Congress is worthy of careful reading by all Americans. It is not long; it is, in view of the recent national vote, in excellent taste and it is filled with simple, practical common sense. In performing the duty laid upon him by the Constitution to present to Congress an annual report on the state of the national it was not unnatural for him under all circumstances of the past, to begin it as if he were discussing the state of the universe. Almost immediately, however, with one of his felicitous literary turns about helping those abroad by ourselves setting a good example at home, he centered upon our domestic affairs and thereafter stuck for the most part to the tax. It is sound American business and it is good international politics to set our own house in order and keep it in order, as he urges, so that while we thus grow better and stronger, the rest of the world may profit by emulation of our welfare and happiness. Nobody could more simply and clearly state both the advantage and the necessity of our Government managing its business as carefully, efficiently and successfully as private undertakings are managed than Mr. Wilson states them in his remarks on a budget system and above all a working out of revenue and expenditures under that system so that there shall be neither undue strain upon our income nor unreasonable taxation. This is a good message to Congress and the American people whom Congress represents. It is a good word to the world, watching this nation as the old administration passes and the new approaches.—New York Herald.

## REMAINS OF 'HIGHLAND MARY' TRANSFERRED TO NEW GRAVE

Greenock, Scotland, Nov. 13.—With great solemnity, the remains of Mary Campbell, Robert Burns' "Highland Mary," were transferred today from the old West Kirkyard here to a new grave in Greenock Cemetery. The removal had been necessitated by an extension of a local shipyard.

From the spot where Mary was buried 134 years ago, the coffin was borne reverently on the shoulders of representatives of Burns clubs from all over the country to its new resting place, and a large crowd of Burns admirers attended an impressive funeral service.

Mary Campbell, a beautiful Argylshire girl, pledged her troth to the poet after a romantic courtship, but she died of fever. By her Burns was inspired to some of his most famous Scottish love songs.

The monument which Burns admirers erected on Mary's grave in 1842 now covers the new tomb.

Miss Fay Bynum of Chaffee was the guest of Miss Flo King for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sikes visited over Sunday in Charleston the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lindsay Brown and family.

Members of the "Young Bunch" hunting club returned Friday from their annual two-weeks hunt in Mississippi. They report lots of rain the first week, but say the weather was ideal for camping and hunting the last week of their stay. Six deer were killed, brought down by Fred Daubbs, Leonard McMullin, Emory Matthews, Sherwood, F. Dorsey (guide) and one killed ahead of the dogs.

## PLAN TO RAISE BILLION BY TAXING SAVINGS

Washington, December 17.—A tax of one-quarter of 1 per cent on all bank deposits is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, a Republican member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Treadway estimated that such a tax would net a revenue of approximately \$1,000,000,000 annually.

Collection of the tax would be made at the time deposits were made and institutions affected would include all national, state and private banks, trust companies, brokers' offices and other institutions receiving money on deposit.

Mutual savings banks, co-operative building and loan associations and similar institutions organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of their members would be exempted.

The bill was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Treadway said that the amount of exchange in the United States for the year 1919 was \$483,864,926,000.

A tax of one-quarter of 1 per cent of this amount would have brought revenue of \$1,209,662,310, he added.

The Massachusetts member said the proposed tax "may offer a solution of the problem of a means to secure adequate revenue if the excess profits tax and other obnoxious taxes are repealed by Congress." He added that he did not expect formidable opposition to the bill from the banking interests.

## WHOLESALE PRICES LOWEST SINCE WAR

Washington, Dec. 17.—Wholesale prices of commodities were lower last month than at any time since the war, according to figures announced today by the Department of Labor. The wholesale scale dropped 8 per cent more in November than in the preceding month and 24 per cent below the peak of high prices last May, the bureau says.

Of the 326 commodities used in the comparison of November and October wholesale prices, 198 showed a decrease, while 41 showed an increase. In 87 cases there was no change.

Building materials registered a drop of 12½ per cent in November, the bureau reports, and clothing has gone down 28 per cent, while farm products show a decrease of 31 per cent. An average drop of 10 per cent in the wholesale prices of all commodities was registered as compared with November, 1919.

Within the last year wholesale food prices have dropped 11 per cent, the bureau reports, and clothing has gone down 28 per cent, while farm products show a decrease of 31 per cent. An average drop of 10 per cent in the wholesale prices of all commodities was registered as compared with November, 1919.

Johnny Welter is expected home during the week from Chamade College, Clayton, to spend the holidays with his parents.

Toast is not good unless piping hot, but this problem is easily solved by using an electric Turn-over Toaster.—Missouri Public Utilities Co., Phone 28.

The County Court of Cape County has placed an order for a county time-piece, the same to be a monster \$775 clock and to occupy a position in the dome of the county court house. It is guaranteed that the big timer will not vary to exceed one minute a month, hence in addition to imparting the time o'day to the general public, and particularly loafers about town who wish to absent themselves from their respective abodes until they are certain the stove wood is cut and dinner well along, it will be useful as a medium by which busy men, who often forget to wind their watches, can get the correct time.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR SOLDIER BOYS

Good news for ex-service men suffering with disabilities which constitute vocational handicaps was received in Sikeston today by the American Legion Posts, the Red Cross and other agencies co-operating in the work of aiding former service men. Announcement was made that on January 17, any man who believes himself entitled to retaining at the hands of the Federal Board for Vocational Education may have his case decided by appearing in Cape Girardeau, Mo., on that day, and if he is eligible for same, may be placed in training at once.

Local people who receive the announcement declared it marked one of the most important steps taken by the Federal Board for Vocational Education in the handling of its job of retaining soldiers, sailors, marines or nurses, whose disabilities incurred in, or traceable to the service prevent them from completing successfully in their old employment.

The coming or representatives of the Federal Board for Vocational Education to Cape Girardeau the date mentioned will, it is hoped by those concerned, reach the attention of every man who might have a claim against this department of the Government, and the visit of these representatives will mean for each man the following things:

1. That if he has not yet made application for vocational training such application will be made for him on the spot. Immediately he will be examined by a physician of the Board and his case will be decided by a Washington representative of the Board, and if the man is declared eligible he will be placed in training immediately.

2. Those men who have made application for training, but who yet have certain papers to finish before their cases are completed may have these paper completed on the spot, and their cases acted upon and decided. If they are found eligible for training, they will be placed in training immediately.

"It is our purpose," the announcement says, "to decide all cases possible while the representatives of the Board are in Cape Girardeau. This will save time required previously in sending cases to the St. Louis office for rating, completion of papers, medical examination and decision. We hope to be able to give a rating to any man who comes before this Case Board, and if he is eligible for training, if it is his wish, to furnish him transportation to his place of training before we leave."

Every man is asked to bring with him a copy of the original of his discharge. He also is asked to bring with him, provided he has been awarded compensation, the letter of award, or if this is not available a check showing that he has received payment. These two documents are vitally necessary to the completion of and decision on his case.

All men who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity are asked to get in touch with the American Legion Posts or with the American Red Cross, "As it is not known, members of the Board say, "when it is possible for another Case Board to visit this Section, every man is urged to avail himself of the opportunity granted him."

Practically seven-eighths of the work of getting in touch with the man has been accomplished by the Federal Board in this district. A final "clean-up" drive is to approve training at Government expense to the other one-eighth who may be eligible and interested in such a great opportunity.

HIDES WE BUY ALL KINDS.—WALPOLES MARKET.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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## Diversification.

This is no new discovery, no modern doctrine, but simply the re-affirmation of a policy that was once universally practiced and has never been abandoned in a great many cases. The exigencies of modern commercial intercourse have simply produced a condition which demands its universal practice, if the present agricultural structure is to be saved from tragic destruction. One needs not worry about the land; it will remain where the hand of Omnipotence unrolled it. It may for a time produce those crops only which are sown by nature's hand; but there will come a time when others will till them and reap the bounties they are ready to bestow upon all. Why not be wise in time?

Our readers are familiar with the high estimate we place upon the lands of the great alluvial deposit in the lower valley of the Mississippi, extending from Cairo to the gulf along both banks of that mighty stream. Its possibilities have not been remotely realized by the present occupants or those who preceded them. It is no extravagance to say that these are limitless. And our esteem for the denizens of the lowlands themselves is not less well known. But we are not blind to their shortcomings and we would not be their friend if we sought to cover them up. It is because we are interested in their welfare that we urge upon them the wisdom and necessity for diversified agriculture.

Many of our planters do not even live at home, and numbers of those who do are in the habit of living off the products of other sections which they might just as easily produce under their own eyes. They eat butter from Wisconsin, beef and mutton from the west, poultry from "the hills," pork from the west and vegetables from the gulf coast. It is tho't to be less trouble to buy these things at the store than to produce them on the place. And it is, in some aspects of the question, but the net result in satisfaction and other things presents a somewhat different view. It sounds grand to be called a "cotton planter," and it looks picturesque to wear a wide-brimmed hat, a diamond as big as a hickory nut and a six-shooter a foot long. But these gentlemen really lead an anxious existence, not to be envied by the more thrifty of their brethren who live among "the hills." And the hills is where most of them came from, after all.

All through the hill section of Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi are to be found farmers who need no urging to diversify—they have never done anything else. Such men own their lands, unmortgaged. In many instances they have descended from father to son for generations. Their barns are bursting with abundance; smokehouses filled with the sweetest meats; cellars piled up with roots of various kinds; poultry, milk and butter in plenty, and enough cotton to supply the family's need for cash and to add something to the constantly growing bank account. They are in no hurry to be rich, though many of them become wealthy; but they believe in living while they live.

Such men may not be able to solve the binomial theorem or calculate the precession of the equinoxes, but they can tell when the fish will bite and how to succeed in farming. And they have always got money with which to send their bright boys and girls off to get the learning of the schools, and they have the wisdom to chuckle over the assumed superiority of those same youngsters when they air their new acquisitions in their presence. Much more might be said.—Commercial Appeal.

## Why the Fall of Wheat?

It must be that not very many people understand the wheat market. Many reasons have been advanced for the precipitous decline in the price of wheat during the past summer and fall, the favorite theory being that our exports had decreased. It was found in the course of time that our exports had increased. Now somebody tells us that wheat hit the toboggan because the Government did not keep us informed of what was really going on. That is, had we known that our exports were increasing we would not have let the bear come down the tree in the way he did. That sounds likely, since we do not know of any class of business men who were not afraid to buy anything much on what they believed to be a falling market, certain of getting in time back to what Senator Harding called normalcy. One interesting feature of what has happened is that notwithstanding the indignation of wheat growers because of Government control, which no doubt did keep them from profiteering in wheat at the height of the war famine, the fact that wheat tumbled below the Government minimum the moment it was removed proves the Government to have saved the wheat growers something—how much we can't tell. It is amusing to recall that they were first mad when the Government stepped in, and then mad again when it stepped out. We have a little notion of our own about the phenomenon of wheat prices, which have no justification in any obvious thing. We imagine the present price of wheat is only part of the general downward trend from a level which had long ago left the country busted. It had become an immoral state of affairs—one in which the profiteers themselves finally became alarmed. A committee in the United States Senate which investigated coal prices says they have for some time been a national disgrace. So has the price of almost everything been a national disgrace. Certainly there was nothing graceful about the price of flour. Your robber, having cleaned you properly, will sometimes hand you back some little thing like car fare. The same shame in time prompts profiteers to desist. They realize that they are going too far. Some day in the not very far distant future landlords will repent. Somebody like Gypsy Smith or Billy Sunday will come along, catch them all at a moment of repentance, and swoop the whole kaboodle into conversion. The chief reason for the collapse of the wheat market does not have to be material. As a matter of fact, it is not material. Everybody says so. It was a psychological condition that bro't about the collapse. People were crying for bread. They are still crying for bread. A farmer does not see that; but when did a farmer, sitting out on his broad acres surrounded by bursting bins and sleek cattle, hear someone crying for bread?—Clark McAdams in the Post-Dispatch.

For the night light a Dim-a-lite. Has four changes.—Missouri Public Utilities Co., Phone 28.

The Cotton Exchange Bank of Steele closed its doors last week owing to the extremely tight money condition in this section. Farmers were unable to meet their obligations and the demands for extension of time and the extending of new credit is unprecedented. Merchants' checking accounts ran low and altogether the bank could not finance itself longer. It needed less than \$3,500 to keep its door open. C. B. Eaton of Steele took the bankrupt law a few days before. Other failures are rumored but not verified.—Caruthersville Republican.

## LIBAU SHOP WINDOWS PILED HIGH WITH PLUNDER OF WAR

Libau, Latvia, Dec. 17.—The appearance of the shop windows here indicate that Libau tradesmen have received some of the plunder taken by the various armies that have swept over the Baltic states. They are piled high with antique furniture from country estates. Statuary, silver and bronze ornaments, silver ware and jewelry also abound in the commission houses.

English dealers in antiques overran the Baltic states after they first freed themselves of the Bolshevik regime and picked up much of the valuable furniture and jewels. Oriental rugs and old silver. Consequently the shops now offer fewer rare pieces than they did a year ago.

Besides the war loot, the shops carry an amazing lot of secondhand wares which were the property of persons impoverished by war who must now convert them into money. Luxuries went first, but now furs, fur coats and all sorts of wearing apparel are being sold in the shops.

It is common for prosperous-looking strangers who are inspecting shop windows to be approached by owners of rare old furniture or works of art who desire to offer their precious possessions at private sale without the humiliation of placing them on sale where their friends will recognize them.

Hodges Chile at Dduley's.

## ASK NEW PRISON BUILDING FOR DANGEROUS CONVICTS

Jefferson City, Mo., December 17.—The State Prison Board will advise the new State Legislature to provide for a different building for the worst class of convicts. There are probably 200 very dangerous men now in the Penitentiary out of some 2100 inmates, and under the system where they all work in shops, and some of the better class of convicts on the prison farms, it has been found impossible to prevent plots to murder officers and escape from the Penitentiary. Usually, these plots are discovered in time, but not always. During the present year it has happened a number of times that firearms were smuggled into the Penitentiary, and there have been numerous desperate attempts at escape and few that proved effective.

In discussing this feature of the prison, Chairman W. R. Painter said today that the time was a hand when Missouri should construct a real Penitentiary, where the dangerous convicts could be confined, and it should be built with the idea of making escape as nearly impossible as human ingenuity could make it, and those who are known to be desperate characters should be confined there and kept away from the other convicts.

For the extra attachment a Plug Cluster.—Missouri Public Utilities Co., Phone 28.

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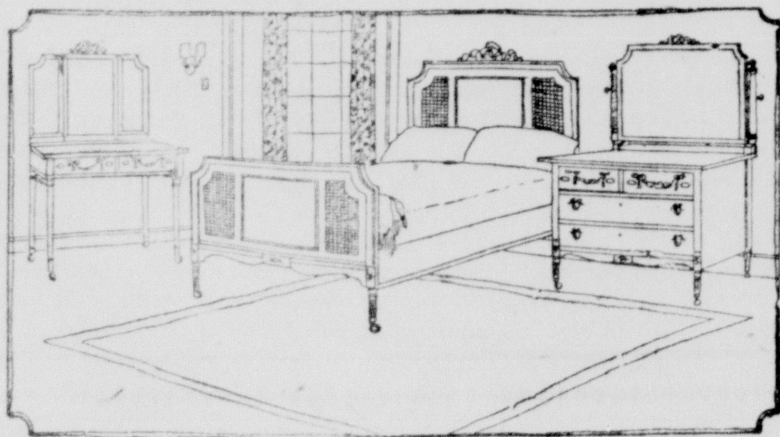
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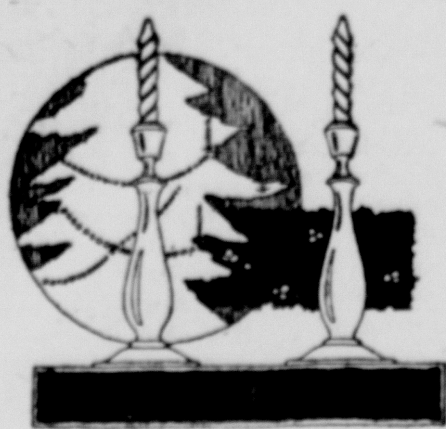
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Mrs. H. J. Pilant and daughter, Claribell and Mrs. E. B. Roblee shop in Cairo Monday.

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Mrs. John Anderson of Cairo spent the week end with Mrs. Lyman Bowman.

## SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Sikeston, Mo.,  
Dec. 17, 1920.

Dear Santa:

I will write you a few lines to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, a doll bed and a set of dishes. That is all I want, but sister wants something. I will tell you what she wants. She wants a doll and a doll bed, brother wants a football, a top and string and a train. Shelby wants a train and a pair of stockings. I was very happy of the things last Christmas. We all awoke with joy.

Yours truly,  
HELEN.

Dear Santa Claus:

The day are flying  
Leap year will soon be o'er.  
To get a man I've sure been trying  
Don't make me wait four long years more.  
I've the soft drink habit—and if you can,  
Please do, bring me a Bottling Works man.  
Dear Santa hear my Ernest cry,  
Bring that man or I'll just die.  
AMY ALLEN.

Dear Santa:

I'm awful lonesome. Please send me a girl just like my "Brothers."  
M. C. CULP.

Der Santa Claus:

Please send some girl-less beaus to Sikeston. Since railroad rates have gone higher I'm about to go broke traveling to Morehouse.  
HYACINTH SHEPPARD.

Dear Santa:

I have limited my wants, to one dozen roses, and small box of Martha Washington chocolates. Most sure you will not overlook such a small request. (\$35.00).  
EUNICE LAYTON.

Dear Santa:

Since our last letter to your our conscience hurts us. Maybe we were wrong in charging "Beau" of taking OUR girls. Maybe it's not his fault. We know you want all GOOD boys to have the same chance, so it will make us real happy if you'll see that each of us gets a little pamphlet of instructions from Beau on "How to Hold Your Girl."

CHARLES BLANTON,  
REGINALD POTASHNICK,  
BYRON BOWMAN.

Santa Claus:

If you want to make me the Gladys fellow in town, bring me a steady girl. I have Dunaway with the idea that a steady girl is not good for a fellow. I'd like a girl that would "cake walk" with me like the one I used to have in Charleston.  
JAMES KEVIL.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me some of those cute little black-dotted cubes "to" play with, and say bring some the "fellers" can't get the combination of.  
CHARLES BLANTON, JR.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a nice little horn. I've worn out three or four cause I sure believe in this "Blow your own horn" stuff.  
"SENATOR" NORRID.

Dear Santa:

Please bring Bill Malone a ton of coal and two NEW rolls for the picture show organ.  
A Picture Show Patron.

Please Santa:

Don't bring me any more Martha Washington gumdrops—my brother Howard doesn't like em.  
GRETCHEN DUNAWAY.

Try a Tomato Flip.—The Bijou.

Mrs. Lillie McGee was up from Kewanee Monday shopping.

Mrs. Pat Davis and children are visiting in Cairo this week.

Rev. Penington of Lilbourn was a visitor in Sikeston Saturday.

L. C. Mayes spent several days last week on business in St. Louis.

Mrs. Louis Satterfield is in Cairo this week visiting friends and doing some Xmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitener and baby of Bowling Green, Ky., visited Mr. Whitener's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitener Thursday night and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Kibby entertained a number of young people at a dinner and dance given at their home Saturday evening in honor of Clarence Terry's 17th birthday.

R. D. Baker and Tom Tanner have formed a partnership as coal dealers and will have their coal yards in the West Railroad Park, near the Goodwin-Jean Poultry House. Four carloads of coal were expected to be set out for them by Monday's local freight.

We the undersigned merchants of Sikeston, Missouri, agree to close our stores on next Saturday, (Christmas Day).

Sikeston Hdw. Co.  
Stubbs Clothing Co.  
Buckner-Ragsdale Store Co.  
Pinnell Store Co.  
Farmers Supply Co.  
Farmer's Dry Goods & Clothing Co.  
The Sikeston Mercantile Co.  
Citizens Store Co.  
W. E. Hollingsworth  
Harper's Grocery.

Mrs. L. C. Mayes spent the week end in Cape Girardeau.

Mesdames Marion Jewell and Jake Smith shopped in Cairo Friday.

Mrs. Gertrude Lee and daughters Mary George and Hontis, expect to leave Thursday for a week's visit with Mrs. Lee's father in Union City, Tenn.

Mr. Chisom is a native of Alabama and for several years has held a responsible position with the Firestone Tire Company. They plan to make their home in Washington.

Miss Myrtle Monan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Monan, and C. W. Caton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Caton of Morley, were united in marriage Saturday night, December 18, at eight o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Monan, Rev. G. C. Greenway of the Baptist church officiating. Mr. Mrs. and Caton are well known in this vicinity. Mr. Caton served fifteen months in the U. S. Army. The Standard extends congratulations to this young couple.

A wedding of interest to Sikeston friends of the bride is that of Miss Beatrice Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Baker of this city, to Mr. Roscoe Chisom of Washington, D. C. The wedding took place Sunday December, 12th at 10:00 o'clock in one of the Baptist Churches in Washington. The honeymoon is being spent in New York City. Mrs. Chisom is a graduate of Sikeston High School, being one of the popular members of the Class of 1915. She held stenographic positions in this city until the war begun, then went to Washington, where she was employed as a stenographer in the War Risk Bureau.

### Gifts Suited to Everyone



A handkerchief or a tie case, or a pair of ribbon-covered shoe-trees make gifts suited to either men or women. The tie case pictured is a length of ribbon folded envelope fashion and bound with gold braid. The handkerchief case employs narrow satin ribbon joined by fancy braid. Satin ribbon is shirred over the shoe-trees.

### Give HIM a Hat

—for Christmas Order from the store for men.

We'll deliver it Christmas Eve.

## STUBBS

the house of  
Kuppenheimer clothes



What would Christmas be without the goodies that Schorle Bros. provide to gladden the hearts of the little ones, and the grown-ups, too.

There are fruit cakes, and pies and doughnuts to make; the cookie jar to fill, and heaps of delicious things that are a real necessity at Christmas time.

For the Christmas dinner, we have abundantly prepared with a splendid assortment of fresh, delicious things for your early choosing.

Place your christmas order early.

## Schorle Bros. Baking Co.

PHONE 62



A Christmas draws near and every man's thoughts turn to some present for "HER"—she, in turn, is wondering what to give "HIM." Our store offers many suggestions for gift-giving that will help to solve your Christmas buying.

### FOR "HER"

Shoes  
Gloves  
Hose  
Handkerchiefs  
Bedroom Slippers



### FOR "HIM"

Shoes, Sox  
Ties, Gloves  
Fur Caps  
Handbags  
Handkerchiefs

### FOR THE KIDDIES

Dolls Handkerchiefs House Slippers Red Top Boots

## Pinnell Store Company

### Missouri's Centennial Celebration

At and With the  
21st Annual Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, Aug. 8-20, 1921

Historical Pageantry and Displays that will typify a Century of Progress by this incomparable state in which every county, city, town and hamlet will participate.

TWO NOTEWORTHY CENTENNIAL FEATURES: A "Home-Coming" of all living former Missourians, and a Reunion of the living descendants of Missouri's 35 Governors. If YOU know the present whereabouts of former Missourians or Governors' descendants, please send this information to CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, Chamber of Commerce, Sedalia, Mo.

An interesting case is reported from Caruthersville and which came up in the circuit court there last week. A rather wealthy citizen of Caruthersville died recently; prior to his death the man and his wife had a safety deposit box at one of the banks of the city in which they kept valuable of different nature and among which was \$14,000 worth of Liberty Bonds. After the man's death his wife made personal claim to the \$14,000 bonds particularly and accordingly asked the privilege of taking the bonds from the safety deposit box, but she was denied this right until the rights of property was determined in the court. The couple had no children and the deceased left no will, but the deceased, Dr. Trautman, had a brother and a sister who would jointly share an estate of the deceased with his wife. The brother and sister brought suit to have the bonds listed as part of the estate of the deceased, the case which came up in circuit court last week being decided in their favor. Ex-Governor Major and Judge Revelle of St. Louis were attorneys for the sister and brothers of the deceased.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

All our \$3.00 and \$3.25 silk and georgette crepes, crepe de chinos and satins \$2.75.—Pinnell Store Co.



## POLAND NOW RIVALS PLIGHT OF BELGIUM

Children Chief Sufferers in Land  
Stripped of Necessities,  
Says Relief Worker.

Poland is in the destitute state for want of food and clothing among the poor that Belgium would have been during the war, had there been no commission for relief in that country, according to Dr. Vernon Kellogg, American Relief Administration official, who recently returned from Warsaw.

Dr. Kellogg was a member of Mr. Hoover's staff in Belgium, and at the conclusion of hostilities, entered Poland as the Hoover emissary in charge of food relief. He first entered Poland in 1915, a few months after the German occupation. His report of starvation, disease and suffering that existed at that time is one of the most harrowing documents in the records of American relief work overseas.

Dr. Kellogg made the following statement regarding the work after the armistice:

"With Warsaw as our headquarters, we began operations in Poland in January, 1919, and within a few weeks there was established a steady importation of food into that country. Tons and tons of it came from overseas through the Port of Danzig.

"It was impossible to do all that the administration wanted to do, because the need of Poland was too great, but it was agreed that enough food should be sent to Poland to care for the four million people until the great agricultural districts could again provide for them.

"But in addition to these four million people who so pressingly needed relief, there was another call for relief from a source that could not be resisted: the children of the land. Many of these were orphans, hungry, emaciated, destitute and diseased. So the American Relief Administration added to its work by instituting a system of feeding these children. In a few months a million and a quarter Polish children were getting a free meal every day of special food prepared to counteract the effects of their previous undernourishment."

To finish the job eight great organizations have united under the name of the European Relief Council to raise the funds necessary to care for the food needs and the medical needs of the 3,500,000 children of Eastern and Central Europe. These organizations are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

### GRAY SAMARITANS RESCUING CHILDREN

The Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States are keenly interested in the movement for the relief of the 3,500,000 starving children of Europe because a group of their members, the Polish Gray Samaritans, have been in charge of distributing food to children in Poland. They have been serving under the American Relief administration and have conducted food kitchens and distributing stations in all parts of Poland outside Warsaw.

In all the relief work being done in Europe, that of the Polish Grays has been unique because all the girls, though sent from America, were either born in Poland or are of Polish parentage. When the need for social service in their country became acute many girls of Polish descent answered the call of the Young Women's Christian Association for overseas service and enlisted in the preliminary training course that was given in several cities of the United States. From this group thirty girls were chosen and sent to Poland where, since 1918, they have been caring for the children of the country. The distribution of clothing has taken them into all parts of Poland.

They are now spending their entire time in arranging for the feeding of children this winter. Groups of them travel to strategic centers in outlying districts where they set up distributing stations, receive supplies, prepare meals, arrange for impartial distribution and train helpers to continue the work when they are sent on to the next town.

### COLUMBUS KNIGHTS AID CHILD APPEAL

James A. Flaherty, of Philadelphia, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, declared that the K. of C., in response to an appeal from Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European Relief Council, had decided to take an exception in their policy of refraining from any national campaign for funds for relief or charitable work.

"The need of the starving and sick children of Europe is so urgent," Mr. Flaherty said, "that the Knights of Columbus feel in duty bound to devote themselves to the common task of raising funds for the relief of these children. An organization it is our intention to conduct no distinct K. of C. drive for funds, although members of the organization are frequent contributors to all charitable drives. But in this case we feel that the emergency calls for the united efforts of all Americans and we consider it a privilege to have partnership in this great work of mercy."

### MATTHEWS' ITEMS

Miss Ruby Byrd shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

G. F. Deane went to St. Louis Thursday on business.

Mrs. Lola McCloud and Miss Irene Loenneke shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

G. F. Deane went to New Madrid Monday morning on business.

Miss Bessie Reid was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Louis Hunott shopped in Sikeston Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holderby of near La Forge was the guest of Mrs. Holderby's mother, Mrs. George Atchley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Critchlow and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Critchlow Sunday.

Miss Phyllis McAdoo arrived in this city Friday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Codie McAdoo.

Mrs. John Moss and little daughter returned to her home in Holcomb, Mo., Wednesday after a few weeks visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Joe Weatherford shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Rev. L. Hinchey went to Morehouse and Charter Oak Friday, returning Sunday.

Roy Byers arrived in Matthews Friday for a visit with Mr. Fant.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Depero and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deane Sunday.

Mrs. George Elderbrook and two small daughters left Friday for Kansas to visit Mrs. Elderbrook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gable.

W. O. Scott of Urbana, Ill., is in Matthews this week looking after his farming interests.

Miss Flo King of Fairview was in Matthews Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyer and son of Canaan was the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Byrd Saturday and Sunday.

James Hultz has purchased the George Arterburn property in the north end of town.

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. Church Friday night, December 24th.

G. D. Steele left Sunday for St. Louis to spend a few days.

William Fields, editor of the Lillbourn Herald, was in Matthews Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Latham, a fine baby girl.

Mrs. Newell Arnold went to St. Louis Thursday to accompany her mother, Mrs. Luke French home from the hospital, where she underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz will leave Wednesday for Urbana, Ill., to spend the Christmas holidays.

A man by the name of Henry Fry, working for George Elderbrooks had a stroke of paralysis Saturday night

and died Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p. m. He was a stranger here, nobody knowing anything about him, nor where he came from. Three and twenty dollars was found in his over-all pockets. He was about sixty-eight years of age. Mr. Elderbrooks is trying to find his people if he has any.

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Give HIM  
a Necktie

—for Christmas  
Order from the  
store for men.

—we'll deliver it  
Christmas Eve.

STUBBS

The House of  
Kuppenheimer Clothes

### VILLA CRIES FOR HELP AGAINST THE BANDITS

Washington, Dec. 18.—Gen. Francisco Villa, once "the terror of the north" of Mexico and rebel leader for years, but who made his peace with the De la Huerta government last summer and retired to a large estate at Canutillo, in Durango, which was given him by the government, has complained to President Obregon that bandits robbed him of 200 head of horses. In his complaint Villa asks for more adequate protection from marauding bandits and at the same time protests his loyalty to the Mexican Government.

Advices received here today say that Villa reported that the bandits drove off the horses and thinking that their crime was undiscovered, returned for more livestock, "but they died on the way." Villa made his protest with the naive conclusion quoted above by telegraph and the Mexican officials gave it out for publication as an indication of the pacification of the country.

Mrs. John Stinson left Monday afternoon for St. Louis. Mr. Stinson will join her there after the first of the year. Miss Ruth, who is a member of the Senior class in Sikeston High, will remain in Sikeston until the end of the school term.

Dudley's sell for cash, but sell cheaper.

### MUCH POLISH REAL ESTATE MORTGAGED TO GERMANS

Warsaw, Dec. 18.—The Warsaw Government ordered that Poles pay their debts to Germans in Polish marks instead of German marks at the rate of one Polish mark to one German mark. The Germans protested because 100 Polish marks are worth only 15 German marks, and all business transacted between Germans and Poles was on the basis of the German mark.

Here the order is regarded necessary because Polish real estate is mortgaged to the Germans to the tune of from 8,000,000,000 to 9,000,000,000 marks and thousands of Polish landowners and business men would be forced into bankruptcy without some kind of relief.

Up to a few weeks ago Polish agents bought German marks at the rate of 100 or 400 Polish marks from Polish miners in the Ruhr District. Then the German government prohibited exportation of German banknotes. Poland's answer was the above-mentioned order.

FOR SALE—Victrola Talking Machine. Style 14. Slightly used with large assortment of records. Will sacrifice for cash or terms. Apply 220 Gladys Street, Phone 430, pd. 2t.

Miss Thelma Atherton visited Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in Cairo.

## VIENNA DEATH RATE BECOMES APPALLING

Condition of Children Even More  
Harrowing, Declares Authority  
on City's Desperate Plight.

Five years of famine have resulted in greatly increased mortality and morbidity in Vienna which before the war was counted as one of the healthiest cities in Europe. Figures prepared by Dr. Gustave Bohn, head of the Vienna Health Department, show that in 1913 the death rate was 15.3 per thousand. In 1918 the rate was 22.5 per thousand, an increase of more than 47 per cent.

Professor Hans Spei of the University of Vienna, says that "even more terrible than the mortality statistics are those referring to the condition of children and their mothers. Owing to under-nourishment few mothers can nurse their babies, and the milk shortage affects not only infants, but all children in spite of all that has been done to help. At Professor Clemens Pirquet's clinic in the university some 54,849 children were examined in 1918. Only 4,637 of these or about one-thirteenth were passed as skin good, fat good; 23,609 were pale and thin, or very pale and very thin.

"The health of these children shows most disquieting features. Skin disease, rickets and Barlow's disease are rife.

"The chief medical officer of Vienna asks, 'What is going to happen to these under-fed children, in whose bodies the germ of tuberculosis is latent, when they reach the twenties, at which time it becomes active?'

To combat these conditions the American Relief Administration of which Herbert Hoover is chairman fed last winter in the city of Vienna some 500,000 of the destitute and under-nourished children, supplying them with a substantial meal of American food, served in a number of large kitchens opened for that purpose.

The conditions in Vienna are more or less typical of those in Poland and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Last year the Relief Administration was able to reach some 3,500,000 under-nourished children and this winter the program calls for the feeding of a like number, but eight of the great charitable organizations of America have united under the name of the European Relief Council, of which Mr. Hoover is the chairman. The child feeding task will be carried on not only by the American Relief Administration but by the American Red Cross, the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. An appeal for \$33,000,000 has been made and the organizations named have joined in raising the sum.

### LAUGHTER OF CHILD SCARCE IN POLAND

"In all the time I was in Poland, I scarcely once saw a child laugh," declared Dr. Harry Plotz, discoverer of the typhus bacillus, in a report to the European Relief Council on medical conditions among the Jewish population of Poland, based on his recent investigations there for the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

"The most deplorable sight of all the miseries in Poland is the condition of the children," Dr. Plotz said. "Infant mortality is exceedingly high because of under-nourishment and the high percentage of contagious diseases. In large part mothers must resort to artificial feeding as they are unable to nurse their children. In many cities I saw underfed children, suffering with diseases, wandering about the streets with no place to go, begging for bread."

Tuberculosis has become prevalent among the Jewish children, largely due to the overcrowded conditions in which they are forced to live, their lack of nourishing food and warm clothing, according to Dr. Plotz. Typhus, which killed thousands of Jews last winter in the worst epidemic Poland has ever seen will recur again, he said, as conditions are much worse among the Jews than ever before.

"Favus, a contagious skin disease, is now rapidly spreading from child to child," he continued. "In Vilna there are 11,000 cases among the Jewish children alone. Smallpox, too, is prevalent throughout Poland and the Ukraine and children, with widespread eruptions and temperature, have been seen running about the streets. There are thousands of cases every year, which vaccination would prevent, but there is no vaccine."

Dr. Plotz told how in Lithuanian villages he found children, six and seven years old, unable to walk or talk, the result of malnutrition. In regions where whole towns had been destroyed during the war, he found families crowded in miserable dug-outs.

#### The Greatest Gift.

Your Christmas gift to the European child relief collection may help in saving a child's life and is earnestly solicited. Send checks to the local committee of the joint organizations or direct to European Relief Council, 42 Broadway, New York City.

# Buckner Ragsdale Store Company MAKES CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EASY

Gift Suggestions  
at 20 Per Cent  
Reduction

Silk Scarfs  
Silk Ties  
Knit Ties  
Silk Sox  
Silk Hose  
Wool Hose  
Dress Shirts  
Pajamas  
Gloves  
Hats  
Caps  
Ladies' Slippers  
Ladies' Shoes  
House Slippers  
Bath Robes  
Walk-Over Shoes  
Traveling Bags  
Wardrobe Trunks

SUITS AND OVERCOATS HALF PRICE  
SILK SHIRTS HALF PRICE

CAN YOU THINK OF A BETTER  
GIFT FOR MEN

This Sale Will Close  
Saturday, Dec. 25th

As usual, we are showing the best selection of practical gifts to be found in Sikeston, and until Christmas we will sell furnishings and shoes at

20 Per Cent Off

This gives you an opportunity to buy dependable gifts at a saving.

Let Us Help You As Usual

Buckner Ragsdale Store Company  
Leading Men's Store of Sikeston



## Youthful Missourians Successfully Build a Herd of Registered Swine

Down in Scott County Missouri there are two youngsters who are yet to be convinced that the pure bred hog trade is non-prosperous. Milton and J. Ben Blanton, 16 and 14 years of age respectively have already learned of the profit which can be obtained from handling registered swine.

They started in the business a few years ago and in spite of coming from a newspaper family for several generations, back they are making good at their chosen profession. Their father, C. L. Blanton, is editor of The Standard at Sikeston, but he has decided that as long as his sons show no desire to mingle with printer's ink, he will not hinder them from following their hog raising business.

General farming with pure bred Poland China raising being emphasized most, is the tentative program which these two youngsters have elected to follow. The foundation for their firm was laid several years ago when they commenced to bank money which they received for doing odd jobs about towns and working on Southeastern Missouri farms. There were times when the pay for some jobs did not amount to more than a quarter, but these two youths were fired with the ambition to make good and gave no heed to the modern ideas of high wages and less work. The first point was "the job" and the financial consideration becomes secondary with them.

By practicing the staid old Missouri thrift they soon managed to save close to \$400. About this time they began to hear boasts of some of the pure bred swine men in Missouri who were loud in praising the registered hog as a bread-winner. This information impressed the Blanton Brothers and they straightforwardly purchased a registered Poland China gilt for \$150. An immense sum, in their estimation. While they were in-

experienced in this business, they were confident that their good judgment would pull them over the hill, and it was soon proven that their faith was well founded.

The original gilt, their foundation stock, had ten pigs, nine of which were successfully raised. Just a short time ago, they took an inventory of their property and found that they were the owners of five sows with 32 pigs with four more sows yet to farrow. Sheltering these hogs soon developed into a problem for these young breeders. Once more their common sense solved this problem and it wasn't but a short time before they had erected ten colony hog houses, 6x8 feet, built of native lumber which they hauled in from a neighboring swamp. Their work on these houses is not one bit amateurish and those who have inspected these houses say the boys did a good job of carpentry.

Last spring they started in to produce feed for their hogs and soon had 22 acres of corn under cultivation. It is estimated that they will harvest not less than 800 bushels from this field. Just recently they went in debt for a good team of mules—what Missouri farm could be perfect without a least one pair of mules. They appear to be little worried over their debts as do the creditors also. There are enough good hogs on their farm to pay several times for several spans of mules, so why should they spend time by worrying.

The only phase of the business which meets disfavor of the father of these two breeders is that he fears they will want to quit school before they finish their education. Present indications are that they exhibit a much stronger interest in "pigs" than they do on books.

The next objective which these brothers have in view is a farm which they can call their own, and are already planning on how they can make

their initial payment within the near future.—Drovers Journal Stockman, South Omaha, Nebraska.

## U. S. ENVOY AT PARIS REFUSES TO MEET GERMAN AMBASSADOR

Paris, Dec. 16.—Hugh C. Wallace, the American Ambassador to France, last night refused to meet Wilhelm Mayer von Kaufbeuren, the German Ambassador, because the United States still is technically in a state of war with Germany.

The incident occurred at an official dinner to the diplomatic corps given by Raul Peret, president of the Chamber of Deputies, and his wife, Ambassador Wallace, dean of the diplomatic corps in the absence of the Italian Ambassador, and Mrs. Wallace, were the guests of honor.

The episode was much talked of in political circles in Paris today. It was commented that the American Ambassador could not yet meet socially the Ambassador of a country with which the United States is at war.

## Kentucky Distilleries Being Turned To Other Uses.

Paris, Ky., Dec. 16.—Distilleries and warehouses whose output and contents made Bourbon County famous the world over for its whisky and gave to the Kentucky product its trade name rapidly are being turned to the uses of small industrial concerns and storage houses for tobacco and other agricultural products, according to William E. Hacker, secretary-manager of the Paris Commercial Club. Some have been turned into bottling houses for soft drinks.

Bourbon County since December 9 has been "whiskyless", in so far as the distillery warehouses are concerned, when the last barrel of whisky left Bourbon County.

The "Sam Clay" distillery is to be turned into a tobacco warehouse and redrying plant, it is stated.

Many other distilleries in this county, which formerly housed mammoth stills, have become storage houses for hemp, grain, bluegrass seed and tobacco, said the secretary. The distillery buildings in many instances were built 50 and 60 years ago, and in some instances are even older, according to Hacker. But their walls are in many instances 24 to 36 inches thick, and it is expected that they will last, for many years, he said.

## Xmas Shopping Suggestions.

The new democracy playing cards are being offered in compact poker outfits—two decks and 100 poker chips—in a neat leather case with strap handles across the top.

If your Christmas shopping list contains the practical gift of silk for a dress select a crepe weave and you will be sure to please the recipient. Silk crepes, crepe de chine, etc., will be the height of fashion by spring.

Incense burners that are now in such general use, are more attractive this year than ever before in their distinctive Orinetal designs and colorings. One of these would make practical gift for the invalid, as they are useful in the sickroom.

Buy her a box of chocolates for Xmas at The Bijou.

Children's and ladies' gingham dresses priced right.—Pinnell Store Co.

## FORMER OWNERS CLAIM FARM DEEDED TO VILLA

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 18.—The Juardo family, old settlers in the State of Durango, recently appealed to the Government of Mexico in an attempt to get back the Hacienda del Canutillo, the farm given by the Mexican Government to Francisco Villa, former bandit. The farm, which is at Canutillo, contains 200,000 acres of the best land in Durango.

The Jardos contend that the ranch was transferred to Gen. Thomas Urbina in 1914 and that the transfer was made by force of arms against the will of the owners. A little later Gen. Urban, they assert, was killed by Villa's men and the farm passed into possession of the Mexican Government, which deeded it a few months ago to Villa when he agreed to cease resisting the Government and take up farming.

The protest to the Government made by the Juardo family caused a sensation in Durango, Villa and 900 employees have made vast improvements on the big farm, preparing for next year's crops. When the Government gave Villa the land it also gave him thousands of dollars worth of horses, mules, tractors, plows and other farm implements.

Upon learning of the protest, Villa said that he had a title from the Government and was confident that the Juardo claim would be given little weight of opinion by the new administration.

Villa's farm office is in an old church building in which Catholic pictures in oil, some of them works of art, still hang. The old church altar also remains intact. Villa has equipped his office with typewriters, an adding machine, filling devices and other fixtures found in the modern business office. His stationery has his name engraved in the upper left-hand corner.

## Convicts To Manufacture Missouri Auto License Plates.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—Missouri's motor car license number plates, now sold to the State at "political prices," will be manufactured by convict labor in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City under the plan for the reorganization of State departments proposed by the incoming Republican State administration.

The plan contemplates also the manufacture of guide signs for the State's unmarked roads, as well as the production of material to be used in improving highways. The guide signs are to be made in the same plant, by the same men and on the same machines that the license number plates are manufactured.

If the plan is put into operation, Missouri will follow the example of Indiana and Oklahoma, where similar projects have been very successful, according to E. A. McKibbin, publicity man for the Republican State Committee. The plant would be under the direct supervision of the Commissioner of Penal Institutions, one of the eight commissioners contemplated in the proposed "cabinet" system of government, who would be directly responsible to the Governor for the conduct of their department.

## What to Do Next Year.

1. Plan to grow practical all food and feed needed on the farm.
2. We should keep at least enough good livestock to consume the roughage that usually goes to waste, to provide a full year's work for men and horses, to furnish milk and butter, to provide pork and pork products, and to supply poultry and poultry products for home use.
3. We should keep at least one brood mare on the farm to do the light work and to raise the necessary colts to furnish horse power. This will save the money paid out for mules and horses, but the greatest profit will come from securing in this way sufficient horse power for the most economical production of crops.
4. Only the most prolific seed of kinds should be planted.
5. A systematic rotation of crops should be practiced, and a leguminous crop should be grown on every acre of land every year.
6. Liberal applications of acid phosphate should be made one all soils deficient in phosphorus, and lime should be applied to soils needing lime.
7. Labor-saving farm implements and machinery of all kinds should be used for the most economical production of crops.—The Progressive Farmer.

Camel Cigarettes 18c at Dudleys.

Atlas Peck was awakened the other night by a disturbance at the hen roost, and the next morning two of his hens were missing. There is no clue to the guilty party, but one of Columbus Allsop's children is reported to have been seen playing with a chicken feather today.—Hogville News.

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## BILL MAKING STRIKE CRIME GETS THROUGH

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The Senate today passed the Poindexter bill making strikes which interfered with interstate commerce, crimes.

The bill, which was passed without debate, makes it illegal to foment strikes or prevent workers in interstate commerce continuing in their employment.

It provides a maximum fine of \$15,000 and 10 years imprisonment for violation.

It is also provided in the bill that it shall be a crime for directors or managers of railroads to enter into any combination with intent to hinder or prevent operation of trains to bring pressure for settlement of a labor dispute.

This provides \$500 fine or six months imprisonment.

It is believed the bill encounter difficulties if it comes up in the House.

## Allied and German Experts In Reparations Conference.

Brussels, Dec. 18.—Economic experts of five of the principal allied powers and Germany met at the conference table here today in the first of a series of meetings which will go far toward determining what Germany must pay for war reparations. Delegates from the allied nations appeared hopeful that the session which will last probably a week or ten days, would be fruitful of results.

The morning session was occupied with a depiction by Herr Schroeder, German Undersecretary of Finance, of Germany's economic situation. He painted the outlook in the darkest colors and said he hoped the allies would not "put the knife to Germany's throat", thus reducing her to Austria's situation. A statement was submitted this afternoon by the affects the relations of Germany and the allies and Germany's ability to pay reparations.

The United States, which was invited to attend, will not have a representative present.

Every effort will be made so that the Germans may feel that free and frank conversation is the best course.

Never was a sale like the Farmers Supply Grocery and Furniture Sale.

Damad is the main monicker of the grand vizier of Turkey. It's certainly a name to conjure with, nomenclaturists, seeing as how it can be spelled either forward or backward and mean the same old thing.—Buffalo Express.

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If they come from Long's, they must be right.

The blue print for the Gymnasium building, which is to be erected by popular subscriptions on the grounds at the high school building is about completed, and will afford all interested a good idea of what the new structure will be. This building will be 50x100 feet, and will have a stage the width of the building and 20 feet wide. There will be both front and rear entrances, and the estimated cost of the building will be \$5000.—Chaffee Signal.



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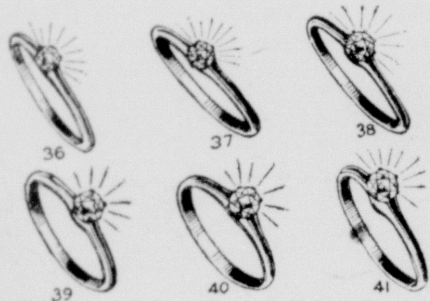
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## MCMULLIN ITEMS

Lynn Waggoner is a frequent visitor in our "burg" of late.

Ed Bean and family spent Sunday at the W. B. Simpson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn of Grays Ridge were visitors here last Friday.

A nice crowd attended Sunday School and preaching Sunday. Brother Crowe held services here at 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stubblefield of Skeston were guests at the home of the former's father, Friday and Saturday.

A gloom was cast over our little community Friday morning by the death of Mrs. Betty Lennox. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m. by Bro. Bone at his home of her daughter.

Mrs. Lennox was 77 years old, and the mother of four children, all having preceded her to the Great Beyond excepting one daughter, Mrs. Tom Stubblefield, with whom she had made her home for years. Mrs. Lennox had spent almost a life time in this neighborhood, where she was known and loved by all. The family wish to thank their neighbors and friends who so ably assisted them in their hour of sorrow and trouble.

A large concourse of friends and relatives followed the remains to their last resting place, where the body was laid to rest by the side of her daughter in the Carpenter Cemetery.

## School Notes

School was dismissed on Friday.

Bird Stubblefield has recovered from quite a severe tussle with the flu.

We have finished taking the exams and are anxiously awaiting for our grades.

We will have our Christmas tree Friday at the Church. We will also have a program. Everyone is invited to come and bring their presents and have them distributed from the tree. Old Santa will be with us and we hope his pack will be heavier than usual this year.

Get our prices on men's hats and caps.—Pinnell Store Co.

Mrs. Josephine Hart and Mrs. O. M. Headlee of Morehouse shopped Friday in Skeston.

Skeston College students are arriving home to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks. Miss Ruth McCoy came in Friday morning from Columbia. Misses Melvin Bowman and Ethel Decker, Saturday morning from St. Charles, Mo.; Paul Denman, Saturday night from Delaware, Ohio; Misses Virginia Matthews, Friday night and Francoise Black, Saturday morning, both from Ward-Belmont at Nashville, Tenn.; Albert Bruton, Friday morning, from Mexico, Missouri Military Academy; Reginald Potashnick, Sunday from Columbia. Miss Margaret Harris, Henry Hunter Skillman and Lewis Emory Baker are expected Wednesday morning from Columbia.



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## Sunday Observance.

There is some ground for the fear that Congress may yield to the demands of reform organizations that are advocating a puritanical Sunday and may enact legislation which will put a quietus upon all kinds of Sabbath diversions and recreations. Those persons who do not recognize Sunday as their day of worship may find their religious freedom somewhat curtailed. There always looms the possibility of a constitutional amendment to compel Sunday observance. The basic law has been amended twice recently, and the process has become so easy that a constitutional change is not taken seriously. Consequently the twentieth amendment may be on its way providing for compulsory religious observance and worship. The modern crusaders are in the saddle and riding hard, with lances poised and banners flung to the breeze. Perhaps Congress will muster courage to resist their onslaught and stand firmly for individual liberty.—The Washington Post.

Leave your subscription with Skeston News Agency. Marks for service.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Felker and children visited from Friday until Sunday in Paduch, Ky.

Mrs. A. A. Mayfield and daughter, Mrs. Murray Klein visited relatives in Jackson and Oak Ridge the latter part of the week.

Misses Wayne Reese and Lurlyn Hart, teachers in the Chaffee school, who were on the way to their vacation in Dexter to spend a two-week vacation, visited Miss Freda Reese Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Jean Ruff of Cape Girardeau were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews for the week end. Mrs. Ruff was formerly Miss Louise Bergman and taught in the Skeston Elementary school.

George H. Smith, aged 79 years, died Wednesday, December 15th, at his home in Morehouse, after an illness of several months' duration. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was wounded several times. The remains were brought to Skeston Thursday for burial in the City Cemetery. Mr. Smith is survived by three sons and three daughters, Ira and Treaver Smith of Morehouse, Fred Smith of Catron, Mrs. James Russell of Nebraska, Mrs. John Williams of Baton Rouge, La., and Mrs. Ethel Trouville of St. Louis. Mrs. G. W. Scott of Skeston and Mrs. Wm. Harmon of Rector, Ark., are step-daughters.

## ANTHOLOGY OF ANOTHER NEWSPAPER

## The Calhoun Bazaar.

We wish to announce that there will be no advance in the subscription price of this paper, despite the fact that beginning with our next issue The Bazaar will be improved by the addition of a motto by a leading author, which will appear on the title page, and which will read: "A journal which stands for progress, for truth, for human justice and equal rights." Ye editor trusts, however, that no more turnips, whose market value, in this period of deflation thru which we are passing is doubtful, will be offered in payment of overdue subscription accounts.

## Our Stand

We wish to announce that this paper can be counted on to take no part in the present controversy over ratifying the so-called League of Nations. This paper has reasons of its own for doubting the honesty of any and all foreigners. Three years ago ye editor hired a Scandihovian to help run our improved Washington press one day per week, on press days, and the said Scandihovian swiped nearly a half gallon of machine oil bought to oil the said press and diverted it to his own use.

## John Scanlon.

John Scanlon, who has always been considered a widely read and, therefore, up-to-date man, has been taken down a notch in the public opinion of this thriving city. John went to St. Louis last week and was gypped out of some of his cash by one of them city slickers. John bought a box of hairpins for his wife—at 7 cents a box and found that the box he was told contained 600 pins was short exactly seven. John counted the pins while he was riding home on the plug.

## Widow Whoosis.

A reporter of the Bazaar's staff went to see the Widow Whoosis last week to investigate the rumor to effect that the widow intended taking another life partner, despite the fact that her late husband has only departed this life six months. The widow told our representative that she had never given even a tho't to the matter. She said she never expected to find another man who could bluff the family fliiver like her late lamented cood.

## Deacon Selis.

Some evil-intentioned person has started the malicious rumor that Deacon Selis has been making and drinking cider which is harder than allowed by the Volstead act. Ye editor

wishes it known that he has been personally acquainted with the deacon for a matter of 29 years and that the deacon, when not under the influence of cider, is a charitably inclined man, who views his neighbor's failings and foibles with mild humor. Last week when called upon by Sister Macaffee to contribute toward uplifting of the Hottentots, he deacon said he didn't care three hoots if the Hottentots were ever uplifted. He said they could go, for all of him, to a place heap hotter than Africa.—Clark McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

Dudley's sell for cash, but sell cheaper.

J. O. Hahs transacted business in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Miss Pauline French of Charleston, who was enroute home from Lindenwood College for the holidays, was the guest of Miss Ethel Decker Friday night.

Mrs. W. H. Harmon of Rector, Ark., who was called to Morehouse last week by the death of her step-father, George H. Smith, was in Skeston Friday for a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Scott.

Mrs. E. C. Short of Indianapolis, Ind., who has been a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Mount, for several weeks, returned to her home Saturday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Mount and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, who spent the day in Cairo shopping in that city.

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**Merry**  
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**And a Happy**  
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## Christmas Specials

We now have a nice stock of the following articles for your selection, which are appropriate for Christmas presents in

Louis XVI and Patrician Pattern in complete stocks, tea and tablespoons, cold meat forks, oyster forks, salad forks, pie servers, jelly servers, five o'clock coffee and six o'clock teaspoons.

Aluminum percolators, aluminum roasters, aluminum waffle iron, aluminum cooking utensils of all kinds, nut crackers and picks, flashlights, bicycles, sleds, boy's wagons, velocipedes—in fact anything you would expect to find in the best and most up-to-date hardware store in Southeast Missouri

You would save money and please us to buy your Christmas presents at our store.

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## Scholarships at Teachers College for Former Service Men.

The state organization of the Young Men's Christian Association has allotted funds to each county in Southeast Missouri to be used in assisting former service men to secure educational or technical training. Any man who was in any branch of the service during the war and who needs help to continue his general education or to take special short courses to fit him better for trade or business can secure the needed help thru the Y. M. C. A.

Persons taking dvantage of this opportunity may study at the Y. M. C. A. schools in St. Louis, in other schools, particularly at the Teachers College at Cape Girardeau; or, in exceptional cases, instruction may be given by correspondence. There is

no intention to restrict the student to any particular course of study. A wide selection of courses is offered.

A new term of the Teachers College opens January 3. At that time a student granted a Y. M. C. A. scholarship may begin a course in general education, or he may take a short course in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, manual training, teaching or agriculture.

This is an opportunity for service men such as rarely comes. It is a chance to learn things of immediate, practical value and is offered to anyone who needs it. Former service men should write to the Teachers College at Cape Girardeau for further particulars.

Hersheys nut and plain chocolate bars. 8c each or 2 for 15c at Dudley's.

We have just received a carload pole ties.—Farmers Supply Co., New Building.

F. O. Baldwin went Friday to Dexter to figure on the plumbing and heating job in the Methodist Church now being erected in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pittman and son Harold expect to spend Xmas in Kennett at the home of Mrs. Pittman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Solomon.

Mrs. Grover Wilson of East Prairie was in Skeston Friday to meet her small daughter, Marian Norrid, who is home from school in St. Louis for the holiday period.

J. Otto Hahs went Friday morning to Dexter returning that afternoon with his wife and children who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. B. Smith.

## GIFT SELECTIONS

**WE OFFER** you nothing of the temporary, worthless articles that give pleasure only for the moment, but we do have a vast array of good, sensible articles that will make gifts of the better sort and will give delight for many days after the Holidays are past.

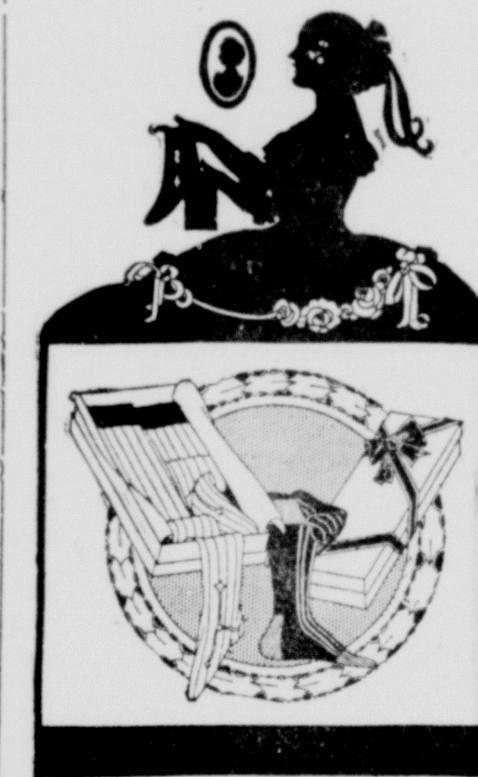
Here are a few of the many things we have for you:

Ladies' Waists.  
Ladies' Gowns.  
Ladies' Undergarments.  
Ladies' Blouses.  
Ladies' Gloves.  
Ladies' Nightgowns.  
Ladies' Handkerchiefs.

Men's and Boys' Handkerchiefs—  
Plain,  
Fancy,  
Linen,  
Initial and  
Embroidered.

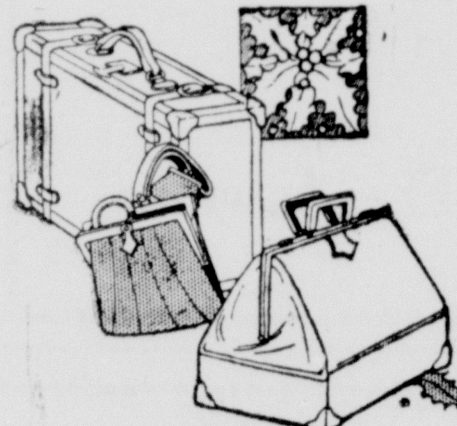
Ladies' Hosiery—  
Black and  
All Colors,  
Lisle,  
Silk,  
Cotton.

In Plain and  
Fancy Designs.



Ladies' Neckwear.  
Ladies' Combs.  
Ladies' Hand Bags.  
Ladies' Traveling Bags.  
Ladies' Dresses.  
Ladies' Skirts.  
Ladies' Coats.  
Ladies' Pins.

Men's and Boys' Hose—  
Cotton,  
Lisle,  
Silk,  
Black and  
All Colors.  
Men's and Boys' Suspenders.  
Men's Traveling Bags.  
Men's and Boys' Pocketbooks.  
Men's and Boys' Garters.  
Men's and Boys' Belts.



For the Men Folks our stock is no less complete. The man or boy whose gift is purchased at our store will be delighted and will be truly grateful for the thoughtfulness of the giver. Here are a few suggestions:  
Men's and Boys' Ties.  
Men's and Boys' Collars.  
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Men's and Boys' Caps.  
Men's and Boys' Gloves.  
Men's and Boys' Mufflers.  
Men's and Boys' Shirts—  
Flannel,  
Plain and  
Dress.



**Your Christmas Feet Should Be Well Shod**

Shoes of every make and at every price are offered you at this store, from the low priced sturdy farm shoe to the highest grade shoe for social purposes. Every shoe you buy spells a genuine bargain, and every dollar you spend gets you a full dollar's worth of shoe. There are no "expensive" shoes sold here. A high price means an even higher quality, and a proportionately longer and better service. It is the only way to buy shoes. Come and look them over.

"The Bostonian, Famous Shoes for Men"

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These are only a few of the many things we have to show you. If you are undecided as to your gift-giving, come to our store and let us help you to make selections that will please both you and the one you wish to remember.

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## TENTATIVE PLANS FOR PERMANENT ROADS

Following the adoption at the November election of the constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to issue bonds to a total amount of \$60,000,000 for the construction of hard surfaced roads in the State, attention of road experts and members of good roads organizations has been directed to the working out of a road system which would meet the requirements of the constitutional amendment, which would meet the approval of a majority of the members of the Legislature, which would provide a practical system of highways connecting with State highways of adjoining state and which would meet the requirements of the Federal Government in the rules governing the allotment of Federal aid in the construction of State highways.

John M. Malang, superintendent of the State Highway Department, after conferences with officers of the Federal Roads Council in St. Louis and road organizations in Kansas City and other parts of the State, has completed a map of a tentative system of highways which, he says, will meet all these requirements, and which will be fair not alone to the larger cities, from which will come the greater part of the money to pay for the roads, but which also will be fair to the outlying and poorer counties.

The general idea of the plan is for five main highways to be built of concrete, two east and west thru the more thickly settled portions of the State: two north and south, one following generally the bank of the Mississippi River and the other generally the western border of the State, with a fifth road extending from St. Louis southwesterly to the Kansas line, generally following the route of the Frisco railroad.

The main highway proposed in the Malang plan are particularly described as follows:

From St. Louis to Kansas City—Road runs through St. Louis County, taking advantage of the road construction provided for there, to St. Charles, and in a general Westerly direction through Wentzville, Warrenton, Danville, Fulton, Jefferson City, California, Sedalia, Warrensburg, Lee Summit and into Kansas City over the excellent roads of Jackson County. In addition to providing a reasonable direct route between the two large cities, this road gives direct connections between those cities and the State Capitol.

From Hannibal to Kansas City and St. Joseph—This road is particularly serviceable to the agricultural districts in the northern part of the State.

From St. Louis Southwest—In a general way this road follows the route of the Frisco railroad. It goes through St. Louis County to Union, and then southwesterly through St. Clair, Rolla, Waynesville, Lebanon, Marshallfield, Springfield, Republic, Mt. Vernon, Carthage and Joplin and ends at the Kansas line, where it connects with a Kansas State road.

North and South at the Eastern Edge of the State—This road extends north and south from St. Louis. Northerly it uses the St. Louis-Kansas City road to Wentzville, where it branches north to Troy, Louisiana, Hannibal, Canton and Wayland, where it turns east to the Mississippi River. Opposite Quincy, which is the terminus of an Illinois State road. Southerly it runs from St. Louis to Festus, Ste. Genevieve, Perryville, Jackson, Cape Girardeau, Morley, Sikeston, New Madrid, Hayti, and ending at the Arkansas line.

North and South at Western Edge of State—this road extends from Kansas City in two directions. Northerly it runs to St. Joseph, Albany and Bethany to the Iowa State line, where it connects with a State road in Iowa.

Southerly it passes through Harrisonville, Butler, Nevada, Lamar, Carthage, Joplin and Neosha, ending at the Arkansas line. It connects with other main highways at Kansas City, St. Joseph and Carthage, using the route of the main southwesterly road between Carthage and Joplin.

## GERMAN SON OF AMERICAN WOMEN CONTESTS WILL

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 18.—A legal battle for the possession of several million dollars will be staged in the orphans court of Lebanon County, January 14, when Judge Henry will hear the contest to break the will of the late Rosaline Parent Coleman, of Paris, France.

The contestant is her son, Dr. Guide Henckle, of Freiburg, Germany, and efforts are being made to obtain passports for him to come here for the trial.

Dr. Henckle, who was a surgeon in the German army during the world war, was a son of Mrs. Coleman by her marriage with the late Prince Donnersmark, of Germany. In her will made in 1907 she made him her universal legatee, but disinherited him in a codicil in 1915 when Germany declared war on France, declaring him "dead to her on account of the war."

The fight here will involve the Rosalie Parent Coleman interest in the Cornwall iron ore mines at Cornwall, Pa., now controlled by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

## ARGENTINA'S WHEAT CROP TO BE HEAVY

Buenos Aires, December 18.—Argentina's wheat crop for 1920, now ready for the harvest, gives prospects of a heavy and profitable yield. Official figures place the area seeded this year at 6,076,100 hectares (of 2 1/2 acres), or about 23,000 hectares more than in the previous year. La Razón estimates that the crop for 1920-21 will reach 5,500,000 tons and La Epoca figures 5,000,00. The oats and linseed crops share the good prospects of the wheat.

## The Best Hot Chocolate in town at Dudley's Place.

Tom Russell left Sunday for his home in Ellington, where he will visit during the holidays.

Miss Helen Marshall of Charleston visited here Monday the guest of her sister, Mrs. Moore Greer.

Mrs. A. E. Conn and Mrs. Alton Walker went Monday morning to Cairo for a two-day visit.

Sam Reese returned Monday to Houston, Texas after a brief visit here with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Reese.

Mrs. Mollie Marshall, who has been visiting Southeast Missouri relatives for the past four months left Monday for her home in Paducah, Ky.

Tom Roberts of the Farmers Dry Goods force, is reported seriously ill with diphtheria at the home of J. A. Barber, 327 North Kingshighway.

There will be a box supper given at the Hunter School House on Wednesday evening to which the public is invited. Miss Era Dunlap is the teacher.

Miss Esther Brumfield of Matthews, Mo., and Jack Matthews of Sikeston, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Matthews, were married at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, December 15, in Benton, the ceremony being performed by Rev. M. O. Morris. Mrs. Matthews, who is the daughter of Mrs. J. A. Weatherford of Matthews returned to her home immediately after the ceremony and the marriage was not announced until Friday. The young couple are now at the Matthews home, where they will remain until they can secure a house to begin housekeeping. The Standard extends congratulations and good wishes.

## The Season's Spirit--

### AT CHRISTMAS TIME

At Christmas time we deck the hall  
With holly branches brave and tall,  
With sturdy pine and hemlock bright,  
And in the Yule-log's dancing light  
We tell old tales of field and fight  
At Christmas time.

At Christmas time we pile the board  
With flesh and fruit and vintage stored,  
And 'mid the laughter and the glow  
We tread a measure soft and slow,  
And kiss beneath the mistletoe  
At Christmas time.

O God and father of us all,  
List to Thy lowliest creature's call:  
Give us Thy joy to high and low,  
Comforting the sorrowing in their woe;  
Make wars to cease and love to grow  
At Christmas time.

Let not one heart be sad today:  
May every child be glad and gay:  
Bless Thou Thy children great and small,  
In lowly hut or castle hall,  
And may each soul keep festival  
At Christmas time.

—Frederick William Robertson.

## DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST SIKESTON, MO.

## POLISH SOLDIERS USE CAMELS FOR HAULING

Warsaw, December 18.—Camels hauling long trains of small carts are frequently seen in the streets of Warsaw, one soldier acting as driver, with other soldiers looking after the vehicles. The camels are used by the army authorities in the transport of goods about the city and suburbs, having been trained for this kind of service by Russians. The animals were captured from the Bolsheviks by the Poles in a drive on the northern front last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson, Lillian Gail Applegette, Mrs. Emma Kendall and Mrs. Ella Old motored to Commerce Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Ruth Crowe, a member of the Landis Sextette Lyceum Entertainers, arrived Monday morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Crowe.

"Bug" Skiles, a Frisco hostler of Chiffce, was arrested in that City Friday by the City Marshall and Sheriff Sneed, on a charge of making liquor. The officers located a still of about 20 gallon capacity in the back end of an old junk building. The officers confiscated almost 100 gallons of "raisin jack". When the mash was poured out a bunch of hogs ran up and proceeded to celebrate. Their antics later proved the "mule" had kick. Skiles was turned over to U. S. Marshal Baker of St. Louis, and was taken to Poplar Bluff, where he will be arraigned before a United States Commissioner for bond and preliminary hearing. The officers have no evidence that Skiles had been selling any of the liquor.

## President Wilson's Message.

President Wilson's message to Congress is worthy of careful reading by all Americans. It is not long; it is in view of the recent national vote, in excellent taste and it is filled with simple, practical common sense. In performing the duty laid upon him by the Constitution to present to Congress an annual report on the state of the national it was not unnatural for him under all circumstances of the past, to begin it as if he were discussing the state of the universe. Almost immediately, however, with one of his felicitous literary turns about helping those abroad by ourselves setting a good example at home, he centered upon our domestic affairs and thereafter stuck for the most part to the tax. It is sound American business and it is good international politics to set our own house in order and keep it in order, as he urges, so that while we thus grow better and stronger, the rest of the world may profit by emulation of our welfare and happiness. No body could more simply and clearly state both the advantage and the necessity of our Government managing its business as carefully, efficiently and successfully as private undertakings are managed than Mr. Wilson states them in his remarks on a budget system and above all a working out of revenue and expenditures under that system so that there shall be neither undue strain upon our income nor unreasonable taxation. This is a good message to Congress and the American people whom Congress represents. It is a good word to the world, watching this nation as the old administration passes and the new approaches.—New York Herald.

## REMAINS OF 'HIGHLAND MARY' TRANSFERRED TO NEW GRAVE

Greenock, Scotland, Nov. 13.—With great solemnity, the remains of Mary Campbell, Robert Burns' "Highland Mary," were transferred today from the old West Kirkyard here to a new grave in Greenock Cemetery. The removal had been necessitated by an extension of a local shipyard.

From the spot where Mary was buried 134 years ago, the coffin was borne reverently on the shoulders of representatives of Burns clubs from all over the country to its new resting place, and a large crowd of Burns admirers attended an impressive funeral service.

Mary Campbell, a beautiful Argyleshire girl, pledged her troth to the poet after a romantic courtship, but she died of fever. By her Burns was inspired to some of his most famous Scottish love songs.

The monument which Burns admirers erected on Mary's grave in 1842 now covers the new tomb.

Miss Fay Bynum of Chaffee was the guest of Miss Flo King for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sikes visited over Sunday in Charleston the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lindsay Brown and family.

Members of the "Young Bunch" hunting club returned Friday from their annual two-weeks hunt in Mississippi. They report lots of rain the first week, but say the weather was ideal for camping and hunting the last week of their stay. Six deer were killed, brought down by Fred Daubbs, Leonard McMullin, Emory Matthews, Sherwood, F. Dorsey (guide) and one killed ahead of the dogs.

## PLAN TO RAISE BILLION BY TAXING SAVINGS

Washington, December 17.—A tax of one-quarter of 1 per cent on all bank deposits is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, a Republican member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Treadway estimated that such a tax would net a revenue of approximately \$1,000,000,000 annually.

Collection of the tax would be made at the time deposits were made and institutions affected would include all national, state and private banks, trust companies, brokers' offices and other institutions receiving money on deposit.

Mutual savings banks, co-operative building and loan associations and similar institutions organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of their members would be exempted.

The bill was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Treadway said that the amount of exchange in the United States for the year 1919 was \$483,864,926,000.

A tax of one-quarter of 1 per cent of this amount would have brought revenue of \$1,209,662,310, he added.

The Massachusetts member said the proposed tax "may offer a solution of the problem of a means to secure adequate revenue if the excess profits tax and other obnoxious taxes are repealed by Congress." He added that he did not expect formidable opposition to the bill from the banking interests.

## WHOLESALE PRICES LOWEST SINCE WAR

Washington, Dec. 17.—Wholesale prices of commodities were lower last month than at any time since the war, according to figures announced today by the Department of Labor. The wholesale scale dropped 8 per cent more in November than in the preceding month and 24 per cent below the peak of high prices last May, the bureau says.

Of the 326 commodities used in the comparison of November and October wholesale prices, 198 showed a decrease, while 41 showed an increase. In 87 cases there was no change.

Building materials registered a drop of 12 1/2 per cent in November and farm products were second with a drop of 9 1/2 per cent.

Clothing cost dropped 9 per cent, while food products dropped 4 1/2 per cent.

Within the last year wholesale food prices have dropped 11 per cent, the bureau reports, and clothing has gone down 28 per cent, while farm products show a decrease of 31 per cent. An average drop of 10 per cent in the wholesale prices of all commodities was registered as compared with November, 1919.

Johnny Welter is expected home during the week from Chammade College, Clayton, to spend the holidays with his parents.

Toast is not good unless piping hot, but this problem is easily solved by using an electric Turn-over Toaster.—Missouri Public Utilities Co., Phone 28.

The County Court of Cape County has placed an order for a county time-piece, the same to be a monster \$775 clock and to occupy a position in the dome of the county court house. It is guaranteed that the big timer will not vary to exceed one minute a month, hence in addition to imparting the time o'clock to the general public, and particularly loafers about town who wish to absent themselves from their respective abodes until they are certain the stove-wood is cut and dinner well along, it will be useful as a medium by which busy men, who often forget to wind their watches, can get the correct time.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR SOLDIER BOYS

Good news for ex-service men suffering with disabilities which constitute vocational handicaps was received in Sikeston today by the American Legion Posts, the Red Cross and other agencies co-operating in the work of aiding former service men. Announcement was made that on January 17, any man who believes himself entitled to retaining at the hands of the Federal Board for Vocational Education may have his case decided by appearing in Cape Girardeau, Mo., on that day, and if he is eligible for same, may be placed in training at once.

Local people who receive the announcement declared it marked one of the most important steps taken by the Federal Board for Vocational Education in the handling of its job of retaining soldiers, sailors, marines or nurses, whose disabilities incurred in, or traceable to the service prevent them from completing successfully in their old employment.

The coming or representatives of the Federal Board for Vocational Education to Cape Girardeau the date mentioned will, it is hoped by those concerned, reach the attention of every man who might have a claim against this department of the Government, and the visit of these representatives will mean for each man the following things:

1. That if he has not yet made application for vocational training such application will be made for him on the spot. Immediately he will be examined by a physician of the Board and his case will be decided by a Washington representative of the Board, and if the man is declared eligible he will be placed in training immediately.

2. Those men who have made application for training, but who yet have certain papers to finish before their cases are completed may have these paper completed on the spot, and their cases acted upon and decided. If they are found eligible for training, they will be placed in training immediately.

"It is our purpose," the announcement says, "to decide all cases possible while the representatives of the Board are in Cape Girardeau. This will save time required previously in sending cases to the St. Louis office for rating, completion of papers, medical examination and decision. We hope to be able to give a rating to any man who comes before this Case Board, and if he is eligible for training, if it is his wish, to furnish him transportation to his place of training before we leave."

Every man is asked to bring with him a copy of the original of his discharge. He also is asked to bring with him, provided he has been awarded compensation, the letter of award, or if this is not available a check showing that he has received payment. These two documents are vitally necessary to the completion of and decision on his case.

All men who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity are asked to get in touch with the American Legion Posts or with the American Red Cross, "As it is not known, members of the Board say, "when it is possible for another Case Board to visit this Section, every man is urged to avail himself of the opportunity granted him."

Practically seven-eighths of the work of getting in touch with the man has been accomplished by the Federal Board in this district. A final "clean-up" drive is to approve training at Government expense to the other one-eighth who may be eligible and interested in such a great opportunity.

HIDES WE BUY ALL KINDS.—WALPOLES MARKET.

# THE COST SALE IS STILL ON

## Farmers Supply Company

Groceries and Furniture



## SKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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twice-a-week; for newspaper read-  
ers wanting the news while it is  
news, and for advertisers desiring  
quick results, it is the best medium.The Standard announces the follow-  
ing new rates for advertising effective  
August 1, 1920:Display advertising, per single column  
inch, net .....25c  
Reading notices per line.....10c  
Financial statements for banks...\$6.00  
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ing new rates for subscription effective  
September 1, 1920:Yearly subscription anywhere in Scott  
and adjoining counties.....\$2.00  
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United States.....\$2.50  
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## Diversification.

This is no new discovery, no modern doctrine, but simply the re-affirmation of a policy that was once universally practiced and has never been abandoned in a great many cases. The exigencies of modern commercial intercourse have simply produced a condition which demands its universal practice, if the present agricultural structure is to be saved from tragic destruction. One needs not worry about the land; it will remain where the hand of Omnipotence unrolled it. It may for a time produce those crops only which are sown by nature's hand; but there will come a time when others will till them and reap the bounties they are ready to bestow upon all. Why not be wise in time?

Our readers are familiar with the high estimate we place upon the lands of the great alluvial deposit in the lower valley of the Mississippi, extending from Cairo to the gulf along both banks of that mighty stream. Its possibilities have not been remotely realized by the present occupants or those who preceded them. It is no extravagance to say that these are limitless. And our esteem for the denizens of the lowlands themselves is not less well known. But we are not blind to their shortcomings and we would not be their friend if we sought to cover them up. It is because we are interested in their welfare that we urge upon them the wisdom and necessity for diversified agriculture.

Many of our planters do not even live at home, and numbers of those who do are in the habit of living off the products of other sections which they might just as easily produce under their own eyes. They eat butter from Wisconsin; beef and mutton from the west; poultry from "the hills," pork from the west and vegetables from the gulf coast. It is tho't to be less trouble to buy these things at the store than to reduce them on the place. And it is, in some aspects of the question, but the net result in satisfaction and other things presents a somewhat different view. It sounds grand to be called a "cotton planter," and it looks picturesque to wear a wide-brimmed hat, a diamond as big as a hickory nut and a six-shooter a foot long. But these gentlemen really lead an anxious existence, not to be envied by the more thrifty of their brethren who live among "the hills." And the hills is where most of them came from, after all.

All through the hill section of Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi are to be found farmers who need no urging to diversify—they have never done anything else. Such men own their lands, unmortgaged. In many instances they have descended from father to son for generations. Their barns are bursting with abundance; smokehouses filled with the sweetest meats; cellars piled up with roots of various kinds; poultry, milk and butter in plenty, and enough cotton to supply the family's need for cash and to add something to the constantly growing bank account. They are in no hurry to be rich, though many of them become wealthy; but they believe in living while they live.

Such men may not be able to solve the binomial theorem or calculate the precession of the equinoxes, but they can tell when the fish will bite and how to succeed in farming. And they have always got money with which to send their bright boys and girls off to get the learning of the schools, and they have the wisdom to chuckle over the assumed superiority of those same youngsters when they air their new acquirements in their presence. Much more might be said.—Commercial Appeal.

## Why the Fall of Wheat?

It must be that not very many people understand the wheat market. Many reasons have been advanced for the precipitous decline in the price of wheat during the past summer and fall, the favorite theory being that our exports had decreased. It was found in the course of time that our exports had increased. Now somebody tells us that wheat hit the toboggan because the Government did not keep us informed of what was really going on. That is, had we known that our exports were increasing we would not have let the bear come down the tree in the way he did. That sounds likely, since we do not know of any class of business men who were not afraid to buy anything much on what they believed to be a falling market, certain of getting in time back to what Senator Harding called normalcy. One interesting feature of what has happened is that notwithstanding the indignation of wheat growers because of Government control, which no doubt did keep them from profiteering in wheat at the height of the war famine, the fact that wheat tumbled below the Government minimum the moment it was removed proves the Government to have saved the wheat growers something—how much we can't tell. It is amusing to recall that they were first mad when the Government stepped in, and then mad again when it stepped out. We have a little notion of our own about the phenomenon of wheat prices, which have no justification in any obvious thing. We imagine the present price of wheat is only part of the general downward trend from a level which had long ago left the country busted. It had become an immoral state of affairs—one in which the profiteers themselves finally became alarmed. A committee in the United States Senate which investigated coal prices says they have for some time been a national disgrace. So has the price of almost everything been a national disgrace. Certainly there was nothing graceful about the price of flour. Your robber, having cleaned you properly, will sometimes hand you back some little thing like car fare. The same shame in time prompts profiteers to desist. They realize that they are going too far. Some day in the not very far distant future landlords will repent. Somebody like Gypsy Smith or Billy Sunday will come along, catch them all at a moment of repentance, and swoop the whole kaboodle into conversion. The chief reason for the collapse of the wheat market does not have to be material. As a matter of fact, it is not material. Everybody says so. It was a psychological condition that bro't about the collapse. People were crying for bread. They are still crying for bread. A farmer does not see that; but when did a farmer, sitting out on his broad acres surrounded by bursting bins and sleek cattle, hear someone crying for bread?—Clark McAdams in the Post-Dispatch.

For the night light a Dim-a-lite.  
Has four changes.—Missouri Public  
Utilities Co., Phone 28.

The Cotton Exchange Bank of  
Steele closed its doors last week owing to the extremely tight money condition in this section. Farmers were unable to meet their obligations and the demands for extension of time and the extending of new credit is unprecedented. Merchants' checking accounts ran low and altogether the bank could not finance itself longer. It needed less than \$3,500 to keep its door open. C. B. Eaton of Steele took the bankrupt law a few days before. Other failures are rumored but not verified.—Caruthersville Republican.

LIBAU SHOP WINDOWS PILED  
HIGH WITH PLUNDER OF WAR

Libau, Latvia, Dec. 17.—The appearance of the shop windows here indicate that Libau tradesmen have received some of the plunder taken by the various armies that have swept over the Baltic states. They are piled high with antique furniture from country estates. Statuary, silver and bronze ornaments, silver ware and jewelry also abound in the commission houses.

English dealers in antiques overran the Baltic states after they first freed themselves of the Bolshevik regime and picked up much of the valuable furniture and jewels, Oriental rugs and old silver. Consequently the shops now offer fewer rare pieces than they did a year ago.

Besides the war loot, the shops carry an amazing lot of secondhand wares which were the property of persons impoverished by war who must now convert them into money. Luxuries went first, but now furs, fur coats and all sorts of wearing apparel are being sold in the shops.

It is common for prosperous-looking strangers who are inspecting shop windows to be approached by owners of rare old furniture or works of art who desire to offer their precious possessions at private sale without the humiliation of placing them on sale where their friends will recognize them.

Hodges Chile at Dduley's.

ASK NEW PRISON BUILDING  
FOR DANGEROUS CONVICTS

Jefferson City, Mo., December 17.—The State Prison Board will advise the new State Legislature to provide for a different building for the worst class of convicts. There are probably 200 very dangerous men now in the Penitentiary out of some 2100 inmates, and under the system where they all work in shops, and some of the better class of convicts on the prison farms, it has been found impossible to prevent plots to murder officers and escape from the Penitentiary. Usually, these plots are discovered in time, but not always. During the present year it has happened a number of times that firearms were smuggled into the Penitentiary, and there have been numerous desperate attempts at escape and few that proved effective. In discussing this feature of the prison, Chairman W. R. Painter said today that the time was a hand when Missouri should construct a real Penitentiary, where the dangerous convicts could be confined, and it should be built with the idea of making escape as nearly impossible as human ingenuity could make it, and those who are known to be desperate characters should be confined there and kept away from the other convicts.

For the extra attachment a Plug  
Cluster.—Missouri Public Utilities  
Co., Phone 28.

Satisfaction  
In  
Christmas  
Buying  
Found Here

And the Wise Shopper  
Will Take Advantage of  
Our Large Offerings

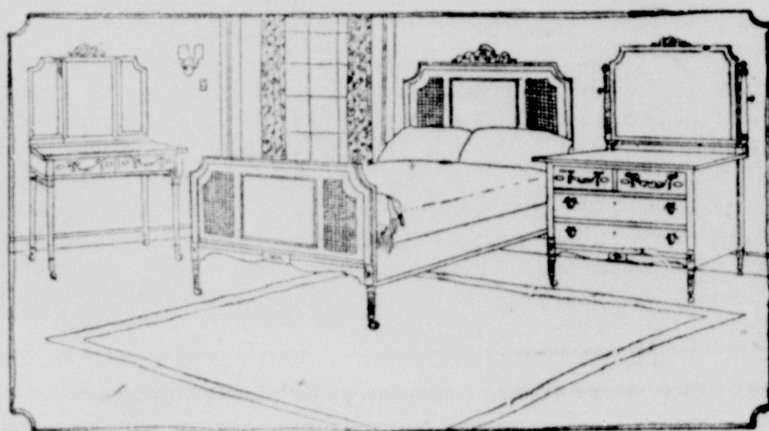
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Our stock is new and fresh, and  
priced most reasonable. It will  
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A REAL CHRISTMAS  
GIFT

Much can be said in defense of Christmas  
gifts which are not practical. The odd  
thing, ornate, attractive, short-lived though  
it may be, often pleases most.

However, parents who give practical gifts  
to their children cannot make a wiser selec-  
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ed in a Savings Account. Start a Savings  
Account for your children this year!

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BEFORE YOU DO YOUR  
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

—call and inspect our display of fine Candies,  
Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco, Cigarette Holders  
and Cases. You are certain to find something in  
our line that will prove a most acceptable gift for  
those on your shopping list.

Visit Our Candy and Cigar Booth

—where we are featuring the finest Candies in  
beautiful art boxes at from 50c up to \$15, and  
choice Cigars at from 50c per box up. You will  
find all items in our line—all standard brands—  
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We make a specialty of special orders for  
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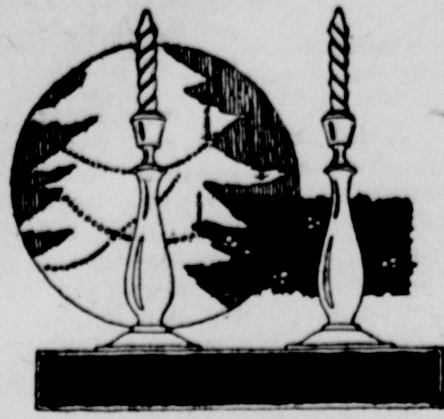
DUDLEY'S PLACE

PHONE 76

"We Have It--Can Get It--Or It Isn't Made"



## Make It An Electrical Christmas



Electricity is the one method of lessening the housewife's burden.

We have a complete line of Washing Machines, Irons, Vacuum Cleaners, Grills, Curling Irons, Heating Pads, Lamps, Percolators, Vibrators, Boudoir Lamps, Table Lamps and Christmas Tree Outfits.

It is a pleasure to show you our wares.

Merry Christmas to all.

**Missouri Public Utilities Company**

PHONE 28

## Fine Perfume

Is a poem in fragrance. The proper blending of odors so as to produce the most delightful effects is an art. We buy from perfumers who have spent years in experimenting and perfecting the very best odors. Select from our assortment of finest French, English and domestic perfumes. You'll find something for your own personal use—and in attractive packages especially designed and wrapped for gift purposes. No matter what you give "Her," include a bottle of perfume.



## Eagle Drug Store

NOTHING BUT THE BEST  
PHONE 271



### PERFECTLY CLEAN LINEN FOR CHRISTMAS

and for the rest of this and next year, if you send to us. We call promptly, deliver as promised and give a superior service that delights all our customers. That's why we have so many. But we can serve a few more on the same reasonable basis. If you're particular, we're the people for you.

Phone 165

## Sikeston Electric Laundry Company

John J. Inman, Manager

TO REDUCE HIGH COST OF CHRISTMAS ORANGES, APPLES AND SUGAR TO CONSUMERS FOR NEXT 15 DAYS WE QUOTE PRICE NET ON BOARD CARS, ST. LOUIS, MO., AS FOLLOWS:

Extra Fancy Florida Oranges, sizes as follows, 100, 126, 176, 200, 216, 250 .....\$4.75  
Fancy Boxed Apples, sizes 100, 116, 126, 150 176, 200, in following varieties: Roman Beauty, Winesaps, Stagman Winesap, Jonathan, Gano .....\$3.25  
Delicious Apples, all sizes.....\$4.50  
Extra Fancy Canning, Preserving and Eating Pears, 3 bu. to barrel.....\$4.50  
Ebl, Pears and 100 lbs. Best Granulated Sugar.....\$14.50

Get your bank to give you certified check payable when goods reach destination. Leave money with your bank until goods arrive.

C. KENNER, 3048 Thomas St., St. Louis, Mo.

Dudley's sell for cash, but sell cheaper.

\* Mrs. H. J. Pilaut and daughter, Claribell and Mrs. E. B. Roblee shoped in Cairo Monday.

Dempster's is the place to get your Home Furnishings.

Mrs. John Anderson of Cairo spent the week end with Mrs. Lyman Bowman.

## SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Sikeston, Mo.,  
Dec. 17, 1920.

Dear Santa:

I will write you a few lines to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, a doll bed and a set of dishes. That is all I want, but sister wants something. I will tell you what she wants. She wants a doll and a doll bed, brother wants a football, a top and string and a train. Shelby wants a train and a pair of stockings. I was very happy of the things last Christmas. We all awoke with joy.

Yours truly,  
HELEN.

Dear Santa Claus:

The day are flying  
Leap year will soon be o'er.  
To get a man I've sure been trying  
Don't make me wait four long years more.

I've the soft drink habit—and if you can,  
Please do, bring me a Bottling Works man.

Dear Santa hear my Ernest cry,  
Bring that man or I'll just die.

AMY ALLEN.

Dear Santa:

I'm awful lonesome. Please send me a girl just like my "Brothers."

M. C. CULP.

Der Santa Claus:

Please send some girl-less beaus to Sikeston. Since railroad rates have gone higher I'm about to go broke traveling to Morehouse.

HYACINTH SHEPPARD.

Dear Santa:

I have limited my wants, to one dozen roses, and small box of Martha Washington chocolates. Most sure you will not overlook such a small request. (\$35.00).

EUNICE LAYTON.

Dear Santa:

Since our last letter to your conscience hurts us. Maybe we were wrong in charging "Beau" of taking OUR girls. Maybe it's not his fault. We know you want all GOOD boys to have the same chance, so it will make us real happy if you'll see that each of us gets a little pamphlet of instructions from Beau on "How to Hold Your Girl."

CHARLES BLANTON.

REGINALD POTASHNICK.

BYRON BOWMAN.

Santa Claus:

If you want to make me the Gladys fellow in town, bring me a steady girl. I have Dunaway with the idea that a steady girl is not good for a fellow. I'd like a girl that would "cake walk" with me like the one I used to have in Charleston.

JAMES KEVIL.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me some of those cute little black-dotted cubes "to" play with, and say bring some the "fellers" can't get the combination of.

CHARLES BLANTON, JR.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a nice little horn. I've worn out three or four cause I sure believe in this "Blow your own horn" stuff.

"SENATOR" NORRID.

Dear Santa:

Please bring Bill Malone a ton of coal and two NEW rolls for the picture show organ.

A Picture Show Patron.

Please Santa:

Don't bring me any more Martha Washington gumdrops—my brother Howard doesn't like em.

GRETCHEN DUNAWAY.

Try a Tomato Flip.—The Bijou.

Mrs. Lillie McGee was up from Kewanee Monday shopping.

Mrs. Pat Davis and children are visiting in Cairo this week.

Rev. Pennington of Lilbourn was a visitor in Sikeston Saturday.

L. C. Mayes spent several days last week on business in St. Louis.

Mrs. Louis Satterfield is in Cairo this week visiting friends and doing some Xmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitener and baby of Bowling Green, Ky., visited Mr. Whitener's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitener Thursday night and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Kibby entertained a number of young people at a dinner and dance given at their home Saturday evening in honor of Clarence Terry's 17th birthday.

R. D. Baker and Tom Tanner have formed a partnership as coal dealers and will have their coal yards in the West Railroad Park, near the Goodwin-Jean Poultry House. Four carloads of coal were expected to be set out for them by Monday's local freight.

We the undersigned merchants of Sikeston, Missouri, agree to close our stores on next Saturday, (Christmas Day).

Sikeston Hdw. Co.  
Stubbs Clothing Co.  
Buckner-Ragsdale Store Co.  
Pinnell Store Co.  
Farmers Supply Co.  
Farmer's Dry Goods & Clothing Co.  
The Sikeston Mercantile Co.  
Citizens Store Co.  
W. E. Hollingsworth  
Harper's Grocery.

Mrs. L. C. Mayes spent the week end in Cape Girardeau.

Mesdames Marion Jewell and Jake Smith shopped in Cairo Friday.

Mrs. Gertrude Lee and daughters Mary George and Hontis, expect to leave Thursday for a week's visit with Mrs. Lee's father in Union City, Tenn.

Mr. Chislom is a native of Alabama and for several years has held a responsible position with the Firestone Tire Company. They plan to make their home in Washington.

Miss Myrtle Monan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Monan, and C. W. Caton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Caton of Morley, were united in marriage Saturday night, December 18, at eight o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Monan, Rev. G. C. Greenway of the Baptist church officiating. Mr. Mrs. and Caton are well known in this vicinity. Mr. Caton served fifteen months in the U. S. Army. The Standard extends congratulations to this young couple.

A wedding of interest to Sikeston friends of the bride is that of Miss Beatrice Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Baker of this city, to Mr. Roscoe Chislon of Washington, D. C. The wedding took place Sunday December, 12th at 10:00 o'clock in one of the Baptist Churches in Washington. The honeymoon is being spent in New York City. Mrs. Chislon is a graduate of Sikeston High School, being one of the popular members of the Class of 1915. She held stenographic positions in this city until the war began, then went to Washington, where she was employed as a stenographer in the War Risk Bureau.

### Gifts Suited to Everyone



A handkerchief or a tie case, or a pair of ribbon-covered shoe-trees make gifts suited to either men or women. The tie case pictured is a length of ribbon folded envelope fashion and bound with gold braid. The handkerchief case employs narrow satin ribbon joined by fancy braid. Satin ribbon is shirred over the shoe-trees.

### Give HIM a Hat

—for Christmas Order from the store for men.

We'll deliver it Christmas Eve.

## STUBBS

the house of  
Kuppenheimer clothes



What would Christmas be without the goodies that Schorle Bros. provide to gladden the hearts of the little ones, and the grown-ups, too.

There are fruit cakes, and pies and doughnuts to make; the cookie jar to fill, and heaps of delicious things that are a real necessity at Christmas time.

For the Christmas dinner, we have abundantly prepared with a splendid assortment of fresh, delicious things for your early choosing.

Place your christmas order early.

## Schorle Bros. Baking Co.

PHONE 62



A Christmas draws near and every man's thoughts turn to some present for "HER"—she, in turn, is wondering what to give "HIM." Our store offers many suggestions for gift-giving that will help to solve your Christmas buying.

### FOR "HER"

Shoes  
Gloves  
Hose  
Handkerchiefs  
Bedroom Slippers



### FOR "HIM"

Shoes, Sox  
Ties, Gloves  
Fur Caps  
Handbags  
Handkerchiefs

### FOR THE KIDDIES

Dolls Handkerchiefs House Slippers Red Top Boots

## Pinnell Store Company

### Missouri's Centennial Celebration

At and With the  
21st Annual Exhibition Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, Aug. 8-20, 1921

Historical Pageantry and Displays that will typify a Century of Progress by this incomparable state in which every county, city, town and hamlet will participate.

TWO NOTEWORTHY CENTENNIAL FEATURES: A "Home-Coming" of all living former Missourians, and a Reunion of the living descendants of Missouri's 35 Governors. If YOU know the present whereabouts of former Missourians or Governors' descendants, please send this information to CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, Chamber of Commerce, Sedalia, Mo.

An interesting case is reported from Caruthersville and which came up in the circuit court there last week. A rather wealthy citizen of Caruthersville died recently; prior to his death the man and his wife had a safety deposit box at one of the banks of the city in which they kept

valuable of different nature and among which was \$14,000 worth of Liberty Bonds. After the man's death his wife made personal claim to the \$14,000 bonds particularly and accordingly asked the privilege of taking the bonds from the safety deposit box, but she was denied this

right until the rights of property was determined in the court. The couple had no children and the deceased left no will, but the deceased, Dr. Trautman, had a brother and a sister who would jointly share an estate of the deceased with his wife. The brother and sister brought suit to have the bonds listed as part of the estate of the deceased, the case which came up in circuit court last week being decided in their favor. Ex-Governor Major and Judge Revelle of St. Louis were attorneys for the sister and brothers of the deceased.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

All our \$3.00 and \$3.25 silk and georgette crepes, crepe de chine and satins \$2.75.—Pinnell Store Co.



## POLAND NOW RIVALS PLIGHT OF BELGIUM

Children Chief Sufferers in Land Stripped of Necessities, Says Relief Worker.

Poland is in the destitute state for want of food and clothing among the poor that Belgium would have been during the war, had there been no commission for relief in that country, according to Dr. Vernon Kellogg, American Relief Administration official, who recently returned from Warsaw.

Dr. Kellogg was a member of Mr. Hoover's staff in Belgium, and at the conclusion of hostilities, entered Poland as the Hoover emissary in charge of food relief. He first entered Poland in 1915, a few months after the German occupation. His report of starvation, disease and suffering that existed at that time is one of the most harrowing documents in the records of American relief work overseas.

Dr. Kellogg made the following statement regarding the work after the armistice:

"With Warsaw as our headquarters, we began operations in Poland in January, 1919, and within a few weeks there was established a steady importation of food into that country. Tons and tons of it came from overseas through the Port of Danzig.

"It was impossible to do all that the administration wanted to do, because the need of Poland was too great, but it was agreed that enough food should be sent to Poland to care for the four million people until the great agricultural districts could again provide for them.

"But in addition to these four million people who so pressing needed relief, there was another call for relief from a source that could not be resisted: the children of the land. Many of these were orphans, hungry, emaciated, destitute and diseased. So the American Relief Administration added to its work by instituting a system of feeding these children. In a few months a million and a quarter Polish children were getting a free meal every day of special food prepared to counteract the effects of their previous undernourishment."

To finish the job eight great organizations have united under the name of the European Relief Council to raise the funds necessary to care for the food needs and the medical needs of the 3,500,000 children of Eastern and Central Europe. These organizations are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

## GRAY SAMARITANS RESCUING CHILDREN

The Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States are keenly interested in the movement for the relief of the 3,500,000 starving children of Europe because a group of their members, the Polish Gray Samaritans, have been in charge of distributing food to children in Poland. They have been serving under the American Relief administration and have conducted food kitchens and distributing stations in all parts of Poland outside Warsaw.

In all the relief work being done in Europe, that of the Polish Grays has been unique because all the girls, though sent from America, were either born in Poland or are of Polish parentage. When the need for social service in their country became acute many girls of Polish descent answered the call of the Young Women's Christian Association for overseas service and enlisted in the preliminary training course that was given in several cities of the United States. From this group thirty girls were chosen and sent to Poland where, since 1918, they have been caring for the children of the country. The distribution of clothing has taken them into all parts of Poland.

They are now spending their entire time in arranging for the feeding of children this winter. Groups of them travel to strategic centers in outlying districts where they set up distributing stations, receive supplies, prepare meals, arrange for impartial distribution and train helpers to continue the work when they are sent on to the next town.

## COLUMBUS KNIGHTS AID CHILD APPEAL

James A. Flaherty, of Philadelphia, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, declared that the K. of C. in response to an appeal from Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European Relief Council, had decided to take an exception in their policy of refraining from any national campaign for funds for relief or charitable work.

"The need of the starving and sick children of Europe is so urgent," Mr. Flaherty said, "that the Knights of Columbus feel it duty bound to devote themselves to the common task of raising funds for the relief of these children. An organization that is our intention to conduct no distinct K. of C. drive for funds, although members of the organization are frequent contributors to all charitable drives. But in this case we feel that the emergency calls for the united efforts of all Americans and we consider it a privilege to have partnership in this great work of mercy."

## MATTHEWS ITEMS

Miss Ruby Byrd shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

G. F. Deane went to St. Louis Thursday on business.

Mrs. Lola McCloud and Miss Irene Loenneke shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

G. F. Deane went to New Madrid Monday morning on business.

Miss Bessie Reid was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Louis Hunott shopped in Sikeston Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holderby of near La Forge was the guest of Mrs. Holderby's mother, Mrs. George Atchley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Critchlow and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Critchlow Sunday.

Miss Phyllis McAdoo arrived in this city Friday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Codie McAdoo.

Mrs. John Moss and little daughter returned to her home in Holcomb, Mo., Wednesday after a few weeks visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Joe Weatherford shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Rev. L. Hinchey went to Morehouse and Charter Oak Friday returning Sunday.

Roy Byers arrived in Matthews Friday for a visit with Mr. Fant.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Depro and chil-

dren was the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deane Sunday.

Mrs. George Elderbrook and two small daughters left Friday for Keokuk to visit Mrs. Elderbrooks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gable.

W. O. Scott of Urbana, Ill., is in Matthews this week looking after his farming interests.

Miss Flo King of Fairview was in Matthews Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyer and son of Canolou was the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Byrd Saturday and Sunday.

James Hultz has purchased the George Arterburn property in the north end of town.

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. Church Friday night, December 24th.

G. D. Steele left Sunday for St. Louis to spend a few days.

William Fields, editor of the Lilbourn Herald, was in Matthews Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Latham, a fine baby girl.

Mrs. Newell Arnold went to St. Louis Thursday to accompany her mother, Mrs. Luke French home from the hospital, where she underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz will leave Wednesday for Urbana, Ill., to spend the Christmas holidays.

A man by the name of Henry Fry, working for George Elderbrooks had a stroke of paralysis Saturday night

and died Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p. m. He was a stranger here, nobody knowing anything about him, nor where he came from. Three and twenty dollars was found in his over-all pockets. He was about sixty-eight years of age. Mr. Elderbrooks is trying to find his people if he has any.

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## VILLA CRIES FOR HELP AGAINST THE BANDITS

Washington, Dec. 18.—Gen. Francisco Villa, once "the terror of the north" of Mexico and rebel leader for years, but who made his peace with the De la Huerta government last summer and retired to a large estate at Canutillo, in Durango, which was given him by the government, has complained to President Obregon that bandits robbed him of 200 head of horses. In his complaint Villa asks for more adequate protection from marauding bandits and at the same time protests his loyalty to the Mexican Government.

Advices received here today say that Villa reported that the bandits drove off the horses and thinking that their crime was undiscovered, returned for more livestock, "but they died on the way." Villa made his protest with the naive conclusion quoted above by telegraph and the Mexican officials gave it out for publication as an indication of the pacification of the country.

Mrs. John Stinson left Monday afternoon for St. Louis. Mr. Stinson will join her there after the first of the year. Miss Ruth, who is a member of the Senior class in Sikeston High, will remain in Sikeston until the end of the school term.

Dudley's sell for cash, but sell cheaper.

## MUCH POLISH REAL ESTATE MORTGAGED TO GERMANS

Warsaw, Dec. 18.—The Warsaw Government ordered that Poles pay their debts to Germans in Polish marks instead of German marks at the rate of one Polish mark to one German mark. The Germans protested because 100 Polish marks are worth only 15 German marks, and all business transacted between Germans and Poles was on the basis of the German mark.

Here the order is regarded necessary because Polish real estate is mortgaged to the Germans to the tune of from 8,000,000,000 to 9,000,000,000 marks and thousands of Polish landowners and business men would be forced into bankruptcy without some kind of relief.

Up to a few weeks ago Polish agents bought German marks at the rate of 100 or 400 Polish marks from Polish miners in the Ruhr District. Then the German government prohibited exportation of German banknotes. Poland's answer was the above-mentioned order.

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Miss Thelma Atherton visited Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in Cairo.

## VIENNA DEATH RATE BECOMES APPALLING

Condition of Children Even More Harrowing, Declares Authority on City's Desperate Plight.

Five years of famine have resulted in greatly increased mortality and morbidity in Vienna which before the war was counted as one of the healthiest cities in Europe. Figures prepared by Dr. Gustave Bohn, head of the Vienna Health Department, show that in 1913 the death rate was 15.3 per thousand. In 1918 the rate was 22.5 per thousand, an increase of more than 47 per cent.

Professor Hans Spel of the University of Vienna, says that "even more terrible than the mortality statistics are those referring to the condition of children and their mothers. Owing to under-nourishment few mothers can nurse their babies, and the milk shortage affects not only infants, but all children in spite of all that has been done to help. At Professor Clemens Pirquet's clinic in the university some 54,849 children were examined in 1918. Only 4,637 of these or about one-thirteenth were passed as skin good, fat good; 23,609 were pale and thin, or very pale and very thin.

"The health of these children shows most disquieting features. Skin disease, rachitis and Barlow's disease are rife. "The chief medical officer of Vienna asks, 'What is going to happen to these under-fed children, in whose bodies the germ of tuberculosis is latent, when they reach the twenties, at which time it becomes active?'"

To combat these conditions the American Relief Administration, of which Herbert Hoover is chairman fed last winter in the city of Vienna some 800,000 of the destitute and under-nourished children, supplying them with a substantial meal of American food, served in a number of large kitchens opened for that purpose.

The conditions in Vienna are more or less typical of those in Poland and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Last year the Relief Administration was able to reach some 3,500,000 under-nourished children and this winter the program calls for the feeding of a like number, but eight of the great charitable organizations of America have united under the name of the European Relief Council, of which Mr. Hoover is the chairman. The child feeding task will be carried on not only by the American Relief Administration but by the American Red Cross, the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. An appeal for \$33,000,000 has been made and the organizations named have joined in raising the sum.

## LAUGHTER OF CHILD SCARCE IN POLAND

"In all the time I was in Poland, I scarcely once saw a child laugh," declared Dr. Harry Plotz, discoverer of the typhus bacillus, in a report to the European Relief Council on medical conditions among the Jewish population of Poland, based on his recent investigations there for the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

"The most deplorable sight of all the miseries in Poland is the condition of the children," Dr. Plotz said. "Infant mortality is exceedingly high because of under-nourishment and the high percentage of contagious diseases. In large part mothers must resort to artificial feeding as they are unable to nurse their children. In many cities I saw underfed children, suffering with diseases, wandering about the streets with no place to go, begging for bread." Tuberculosis has become prevalent among the Jewish children, largely due to the overcrowded conditions in which they are forced to live, their lack of nourishing food and warm clothing, according to Dr. Plotz. Typhus, which killed thousands of Jews last winter in the worst epidemic Poland has ever seen will recur again, he said, as conditions are much worse among the Jews than ever before.

"Favus, a contagious skin disease, is now rapidly spreading from child to child," he continued. "In Vilna there are 11,000 cases among the Jewish children alone. Smallpox, too, is prevalent throughout Poland and the Ukraine and children, with widespread eruptions and temperature, have been seen running about the streets. There are thousands of cases every year, which vaccination would prevent, but there is no vaccine."

Dr. Plotz told how in Lithuanian villages he found children, six and seven years old, unable to walk or talk, the result of malnutrition. In regions where whole towns had been destroyed during the war, he found families crowded in miserable dug-outs.

## The Greatest Gift.

Your Christmas gift to the European child relief collection may help in saving a child's life and is earnestly solicited. Send checks to the local committee of the joint organizations or direct to European Relief Council, 42 Broadway, New York City.

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## Youthful Missourians Successfully Build a Herd of Registered Swine

Down in Scott County Missouri there are two youngsters who are yet to be convinced that the pure bred hog trade is non-prosperous. Milton and J. Ben Blanton, 16 and 14 years of age respectively have already learned of the profit which can be obtained from handling registered swine.

They started in the business a few years ago and in spite of coming from a newspaper family for several generations, back they are making good at their chosen profession. Their father, C. L. Blanton, is editor of The Standard at Sikeston, but he has decided that as long as his sons show no desire to mingle with printer's ink, he will not hinder them from following their hog raising business.

General farming with pure bred Poland China raising being emphasized most, is the tentative program which these two youngsters have elected to follow. The foundation for their firm was laid several years ago when they commenced to bank money which they received for doing odd jobs about towns and working on Southeastern Missouri farms. There were times when the pay for some jobs did not amount to more than a quarter, but these two youths were fired with the ambition to make good and gave no heed to the modern ideas of high wages and less work. The first point was "the job" and the financial consideration became secondary with them.

By practicing the staid old Missouri thrift they soon managed to save close to \$400. About this time they began to hear boasts of some of the pure bred swine men in Missouri who were loud in praising the registered hog as a bread-winner. This information impressed the Blanton Brothers and they straightforward purchased a registered Poland China gilt for \$150. An immense sum, in their estimation. While they were in-

experienced in this business, they were confident that their good judgment would pull them over the hill, and it was soon proven that their faith was well founded.

The original gilt, their foundation stock, had ten pigs, nine of which were successfully raised. Just a short time ago, they took an inventory of their property and found that they were the owners of five sows with 32 pigs with four more sows yet to farrow. Sheltering these hogs soon developed into a problem for these young breeders. Once more their common sense solved this problem and it wasn't but a short time before they had erected ten colony hog houses, 6x8 feet, built of native lumber which they hauled in from a neighboring swamp. Their work on these houses is not one bit amateurish and those who have inspected these houses say the boys did a good job of carpentry.

Last spring they started in to produce feed for their hogs and soon had 22 acres of corn under cultivation. It is estimated that they will harvest not less than 800 bushels from this field. Just recently they went in debt for a good team of mules—what Missouri farm could be perfect without a least one pair of mules. They appear to be little worried over their debts as do the creditors also. There are enough good hogs on their farm to pay several times for several spans of mules, so why should they spend time by worrying.

The only phase of the business which meets disfavor of the father of these two breeders is that he fears they will want to quit school before they finish their education. Present indications are that they exhibit a much stronger interest in "pigs" than they do on books.

The next objective which these brothers have in view is a farm which they can call their own, and are already planning on how they can make

their initial payment within the near future.—Drovers Journal Stockman, South Omaha, Nebraska.

## U. S. ENVOY AT PARIS REFUSES TO MEET GERMAN AMBASSADOR

Paris, Dec. 16.—Hugh C. Wallace, the American Ambassador to France, last night refused to meet Wilhelm Mayer von Kaufbeuren, the German Ambassador, because the United States still is technically in a state of war with Germany.

The incident occurred at an official dinner to the diplomatic corps given by Raoul Peret, president of the Chamber of Deputies, and his wife. Ambassador Wallace, dean of the diplomatic corps in the absence of the Italian-Ambassador, and Mrs. Wallace, were the guests of honor.

The episode was much talked of in political circles in Paris today. It was commented that the American Ambassador could not yet meet socially the Ambassador of a country with which the United States is at war.

## Kentucky Distilleries Being Turned To Other Uses.

Paris, Ky., Dec. 16.—Distilleries and warehouses whose output and contents made Bourbon County famous the world over for its whiskey and gave to the Kentucky product its trade name rapidly are being turned to the uses of small industrial concerns and storage houses for tobacco and other agricultural products, according to William E. Hacker, secretary-manager of the Paris Commercial Club. Some have been turned into bottling houses for soft drinks.

Bourbon County since December 9 has been "whiskeyless", in so far as the distillery warehouses are concerned, when the last barrel of whiskey left Bourbon County.

The "Sam Clay" distillery is to be turned into a tobacco warehouse and redrying plant, it is stated.

Many other distilleries in this county, which formerly housed mammoth stills, have become storage houses for hemp, grain, bluegrass seed and tobacco, said the secretary.

The distillery buildings in many instances were built 50 and 60 years ago, and in some instances are even older, according to Hacker. But their walls are in many instances 24 to 36 inches thick, and it is expected that they will last, for many years, he said.

## Xmas Shopping Suggestions.

The new democracy playing cards are being offered in compact poker outfits—two decks and 100 poker chips—in a neat leather case with strap handles across the top.

If your Christmas shopping list contains the practical gift of silk for a dress select a crepe weave and you will be sure to please the recipient. Silk crepes, crepe de chine, etc., will be the height of fashion by spring. Incense burners that are now in such general use, are more attractive this year than ever before in their distinctive Orinetal designs and colorings. One of these would make practical gift for the invalid, as they are useful in the sickroom.

Buy her a box of chocolates for Xmas at The Bijou. Children's and ladies' gingham resses priced right.—Pinnell Store Co.

## FORMER OWNERS CLAIM FARM DEEDED TO VILLA

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 18.—The Juardo family, old settlers in the State of Durango, recently appealed to the Government of Mexico in an attempt to get back the Hacienda del Canutillo, the farm given by the Mexican Government to Francisco Villa, former bandit. The farm, which is at Canutillo, contains 200,000 acres of the best land in Durango.

The Jardos contend that the ranch was transferred to Gen. Thomas Urbina in 1914 and that the transfer was made by force of arms against the will of the owners. A little later Gen. Urban, they assert, was killed by Villa's men and the farm passed into possession of the Mexican Government, which deeded it a few months ago to Villa when he agreed to cease resisting the Government and take up farming.

The protest to the Government made by the Juardo family caused a sensation in Durango, Villa and 900 employees have made vast improvements on the big farm, preparing for next year's crops. When the Government gave Villa the land it also gave him thousands of dollars worth of horses, mules, tractors, plows and other farm implements.

Upon learning of the protest, Villa said that he had a title from the Government and was confident that the Juardo claim would be given little weight of opinion by the new administration.

Villa's farm office is in an old church building in which Catholic pictures in oil, some of them works of art, still hang. The old church altar also remains intact. Villa has equipped his office with typewriters, an adding machine, filling devices and other fixtures found in the modern business office. His stationery has his name engraved in the upper left-hand corner.

## Convicts To Manufacture Missouri Auto License Plates.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—Missouri's motor car license number plates, now sold to the State at "political prices," will be manufactured by convict labor in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City under the plan for the reorganization of State departments proposed by the incoming Republican State administration.

The plan contemplates also the manufacture of guide signs for the State's unmarked roads, as well as the production of material to be used in improving highways. The guide signs are to be made in the same plant, by the same men and on the same machines that the license number plates are manufactured.

If the plan is put into operation, Missouri will follow the example of Indiana and Oklahoma, where similar projects have been very successful, according to E. A. McKibbin, publicity man for the Republican State Committee. The plant would be under the direct supervision of the Commissioner of Penal Institutions, one of the eight commissioners contemplated in the proposed "cabinet" system of government, who would be directly responsible to the Governor for the conduct of their department.

## What to Do Next Year.

1. Plan to grow practical all food and feed needed on the farm.
2. We should keep at least enough good livestock to consume the roughage that usually goes to waste, to provide a full year's work for men and horses, to furnish milk and butter, to provide pork and pork products, and to supply poultry and poultry products for home use.
3. We should keep at least one brood mare on the farm to do the light work and to raise the necessary colts to furnish horse power. This will save the money paid out for mules and horses, but the greatest profit will come from securing in this way sufficient horse power for the most economical production of crops.
4. Only the most prolific seed of kinds should be planted.
5. A systematic rotation of crops should be practiced, and a leguminous crop should be grown on every acre of land every year.
6. Liberal applications of acid phosphate should be made one all soils deficient in phosphorus, and lime should be applied to soils needing lime.
7. Labor-saving farm implements and machinery of all kinds should be used for the most economical production of crops.—The Progressive Farmer.

Camel Cigarettes 18c at Dudleys.

Atlas Peck was awakened the other night by a disturbance at the hen roost, and the next morning two of his hens were missing. There is no clue to the guilty party, but one of Columbus Allsop's children is reported to have been seen playing with a chicken feather today.—Hogville News.

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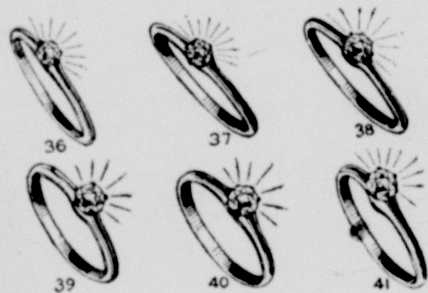


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## MCMULLIN ITEMS

Lynn Waggoner is a frequent visitor in our "burg" of late.

Ed Bean and family spent Sunday at the W. B. Simpson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn of Grays Ridge were visitors here last Friday.

A nice crowd attended Sunday School and preaching Sunday. Brother Crowe held services here at 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stubblefield of Skeston were guests at the home of the former's father, Friday and Saturday.

A gloom was cast over our little community Friday morning by the death of Mrs. Betty Lennox. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m. by Bro. Bone at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Lennox was 77 years old, and the mother of four children, all having preceded her to the Great Beyond excepting one daughter, Mrs. Tom Stubblefield, with whom she had made her home for years. Mrs. Lennox had spent almost a life time in their neighborhood, where she was known and loved by all. The family wish to thank their neighbors and friends who so ably assisted them in their hour of sorrow and trouble.

A large concourse of friends and relatives followed the remains to their last resting place, where the body was laid to rest by the side of her daughter in the Carpenter Cemetery.

## School Notes

School was dismissed on Friday.

Bird Stubblefield has recovered from quite a severe tussle with the flu.

We have finished taking the exams and are anxiously awaiting for our grades.

We will have our Christmas tree Friday at the Church. We will also have a program. Everyone is invited to come and bring their presents and have them distributed from the tree. Old Santa will be with us and we hope his pack will be heavier than usual this year.

Get our prices on men's hats and caps.—Pinnell Store Co.

Mrs. Josephine Hart and Mrs. O. M. Headlee of Morehouse shopped Friday in Skeston.

Sikeston College students are arriving home to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks. Miss Ruth McCoy came in Friday morning from Columbia. Misses Melvin Bowman and Ethel Decker, Saturday morning from St. Charles, Mo.; Paul Denman, Saturday night from Delaware, Ohio; Misses Virginia Matthews, Friday night and Francoise Black, Saturday morning, both from Ward-Belmont at Nashville, Tenn.; Albert Bruton, Friday morning, from Mexico, Missouri Military Academy; Reginald Potashnick, Sunday from Columbia. Miss Margaret Harris, Henry Hunter Skillman and Lewis Emory Baker are expected Wednesday morning from Columbia.



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## Sunday Observance.

There is some ground for the fear that Congress may yield to the demands of reform organizations that are advocating a puritanical Sunday and may enact legislation which will put a quietus upon all kinds of Sabbath diversions and recreations. Those persons who do not recognize Sunday as their day of worship may find their religious freedom somewhat curtailed. There always looms the possibility of a constitutional amendment to compel Sunday observance. The basic law has been amended twice recently, and the process has become so easy that a constitutional change is not taken seriously. Consequently the twentieth amendment may be on its way providing for compulsory religious observance and worship. The modern crusaders are in the saddle and riding hard, with lances poised and banners flung to the breeze. Perhaps Congress will muster courage to resist their onslaught and stand firmly for individual liberty.—The Washington Post.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Felker and children visited from Friday until Sunday in Paduch, Ky.

Mrs. A. A. Mayfield and daughter, Mrs. Murray Klein visited relatives in Jackson and Oak Ridge the latter part of the week.

Misses Wayne Reese and Lurlyn Hart, teachers in the Chaffee school, who were on the way to their home in Dexter to spend a two-week's vacation, visited Miss Freda Reese Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Jean Ruff of Cape Girardeau were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews for the week end. Mrs. Ruff was formerly Miss Louise Bergman and taught in the Skeston Elementary school.

George H. Smith, aged 79 years, died Wednesday, December 15th, at his home in Morehouse, after an illness of several months' duration. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was wound several times. The remains were brought to Skeston Thursday for burial in the City Cemetery. Mr. Smith is survived by three sons and three daughters, Ira and Treaver Smith of Morehouse, Fred Smith of Catron, Mrs. James Russell of Nebraska, Mrs. John Williams of Baton Rouge, La., and Mrs. Ethel Trouville of St. Louis. Mrs. G. W. Scott of Skeston and Mrs. Wm. Harmon of Rector, Ark., are step-daughters.

## ANTHOLOGY OF AN-OTHER NEWSPAPER

## The Calhoun Bazoo.

We wish to announce that there will be no advance in the subscription price of this paper, despite the fact that beginning with our next issue The Bazoo will be improved by the addition of a motto by a leading author, which will appear on the title page, and which will read: "A journal which stands for progress, for truth, for human justice and equal rights." Ye editor trusts, however, that no more turnips, whose market value, in this period of deflation thru which we are passing is doubtful, will be offered in payment of overdue subscription accounts.

## Our Stand

We wish to announce that this paper can be counted on to take no part in the present controversy over ratifying the so-called League of Nations. This paper has reasons of its own for doubting the honesty of any and all foreigners. Three years ago ye editor hired a Scandhihoovian to help run our improved Washington press one day per week, on press days, and the said Scandhihoovian swiped nearly a half gallon of machine oil bought to oil the said press and diverted it to his own use.

## John Scanlon.

John Scanlon, who has always been considered a widely read and, therefore, up-to-date man, has been taken down a notch in the public opinion of this thriving city. John went to St. Louis last week and was gipped out of some of his cash by one of them city slickers. John bought a box of hairpins for his wife—at 7 cents a box and found that the box he was told contained 600 pins was short exactly seven. John counted the pins while he was riding home on the plug.

## Widow Whoosis.

A reporter of the Bazoo's staff went to see the Widow Whoosis last week to investigate the rumor to effect that the widow intended taking another life partner, despite the fact that her late husband has only departed this life six months. The widow told our representative that she had never given even a tho't to the matter. She said she never expected to find another man who could bluff the family flier like her late-lamented could.

## Deacon Selis.

Some evil-intentioned person has started the malicious rumor that Deacon Selis has been making and drinking cider which is harder than allowed by the Volstead act. Ye editor

wishes it known that he has been personally acquainted with the deacon for a matter of 20 years and that the deacon, when not under the influence of cider, is a charitably inclined man, who views his neighbor's failings and foibles with mild humor. Last week when called upon by Sister Macaffee to contribute toward uplifting of the Hottentots, he deacon said he didn't care three hoots if the Hottentots were ever uplifted. He said they could go, for all of him, to a place heap hotter than Africa.—Clark McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

Dudley's sell for cash, but sell cheaper.

J. O. Hahs transacted business in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Miss Pauline French of Charleston, who was enroute home from Lindenwood College for the holidays, was the guest of Miss Ethel Decker Friday night.

Mrs. W. H. Harmon of Rector, Ark., who was called to Morehouse last week by the death of her step-father, George H. Smith, was in Skeston Friday for a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Scott.

Mrs. E. C. Short of Indianapolis, Ind., who has been a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Mount, for several weeks, returned to her home Saturday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Mount and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, who spent the day in Cairo shopping in that city.

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Gloves

—for Christmas  
Order from the  
store for men.

—we'll deliver it  
Christmas Eve.

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Christmas!  
And a Happy  
New Year

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We now have a nice stock of the following articles for your selection, which are appropriate for Christmas presents in

Louis XVI and Patrician Pattern in complete stocks, tea and tablespoons, cold meat forks, oyster forks, salad forks, pie servers, jelly servers, five o'clock coffee and six o'clock teaspoons.

Aluminum percolators, aluminum roasters, aluminum waffle iron, aluminum cooking utensils of all kinds, nut crackers and picks, flashlights, bicycles, sleds, boy's wagons, velocipedes—in fact anything you would expect to find in the best and most up-to-date hardware store in Southeast Missouri

You would save money and please us to buy your Christmas presents at our store.

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The state organization of the Young Men's Christian Association has allotted funds to each county in Southeast Missouri to be used in assisting former service men to secure educational or technical training. Any man who was in any branch of the service during the war and who needs help to continue his general education or to take special short courses to fit him better for trade or business can secure the needed help thru the Y. M. C. A.

Persons taking dvantage of this opportunity may study at the Y. M. C. A. schools in St. Louis, in other schools, particularly at the Teachers College at Cape Girardeau; or, in exceptional cases, instruction may be given by correspondence. There is

no intention to restrict the student to any particular course of study. A wide selection of courses is offered.

A new term of the Teachers College opens January 3. At that time a student granted a Y. M. C. A. scholarship may begin a course in general education, or he may take a short course in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, manual training, teaching or agriculture.

This is an opportunity for service men such as rarely comes. It is a chance to learn things of immediate, practical value and is offered to anyone who needs it. Former service men should write to the Teachers College at Cape Girardeau for further particulars.

Hersheys nut and plain chocolate bars. 8c each or 2 for 15c at Dudley's.

We have just received a carload pole ties.—Farmers Supply Co., New Building.

F. O. Baldwin went Friday to Dexter to figure on the plumbing and heating job in the Methodist Church now being erected in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pittman and son Harold expect to spend Xmas in Kennett at the home of Mrs. Pittman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Solomon.

Mrs. Grover Wilson of East Prairie was in Skeston Friday to meet her small daughter, Marian Norrid, who is home from school in St. Louis for the holiday period.

J. Otto Hahs went Friday morning to Dexter returning that afternoon with his wife and children who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. B. Smith.

GIFT  
SELECTIONS

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Here are a few of the many things we have for you:

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Ladies' Gowns.  
Ladies' Undergarments.  
Ladies' Blouses.  
Ladies' Gloves.  
Ladies' Nightgowns.  
Ladies' Handkerchiefs.

Men's and Boys' Handkerchiefs—  
Plain,  
Fancy,  
Linen,  
Initial and  
Embroidered.

Ladies' Hosiery—  
Black and  
All Colors,  
Lisle,  
Silk,  
Cotton.

In Plain and  
Fancy Designs.

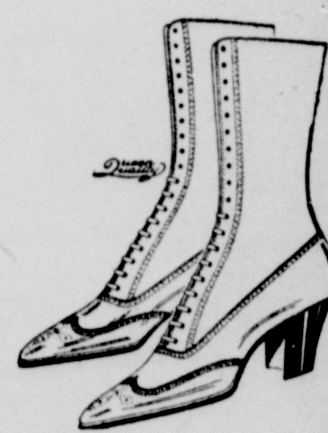


Ladies' Neckwear.  
Ladies' Combs.  
Ladies' Hand Bags.  
Ladies' Traveling Bags.  
Ladies' Dresses.  
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Ladies' Coats.  
Ladies' Pins.

Men's and Boys' Hose—  
Cotton,  
Lisle,  
Silk,  
Black and  
All Colors.  
Men's and Boys' Suspenders.  
Men's Traveling Bags.  
Men's and Boys' Pocketbooks.  
Men's and Boys' Garters.  
Men's and Boys' Belts.



For the Men Folks our stock is no less complete. The man or boy whose gift is purchased at our store will be delighted and will be truly grateful for the thoughtfulness of the giver. Here are a few suggestions:  
Men's and Boys' Ties.  
Men's and Boys' Collars.  
Men's and Boys' Hats.  
Men's and Boys' Caps.  
Men's and Boys' Gloves.  
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Flannel,  
Plain and  
Dress.



## Your Christmas Feet Should Be Well Shod

Shoes of every make and at every price are offered you at this store, from the low priced sturdy farm shoe to the highest grade shoe for social purposes. Every shoe you buy spells a genuine bargain, and every dollar you spend gets you a full dollar's worth of shoe. There are no "expensive" shoes sold here. A high price means an even higher quality, and a proportionately longer and better service. It is the only way to buy shoes. Come and look them over.

"The Bostonian, Famous Shoes for Men"

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These are only a few of the many things we have to show you. If you are undecided as to your gift-giving, come to our store and let us help you to make selections that will please both you and the one you wish to remember.

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